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Russia's New Disarmament Proposal

Lake Success, Feb. 8.—Russia today asked the United Nations Security Council to condemn the Western network of regional defence pacts and rearmament programmes and order a public count of the United States' atomic bomb stockpile within seven weeks.

The Soviet delegate, Mr. Jacob Malik, introduced a resolution requiring Russia's once-defeated proposal for immediate reduction by one-third of the arms and armed forces of the United States, China, France, Britain and Russia, with the destruction of all atom-bombs as the first important step.

Western delegates on the Council quickly deflected measures like the proposed Atlantic security pact, on which Mr. Malik's attack appeared to be centred, and roundly denounced the new Soviet disarmament move.

Mr. Malik claimed that such regional pacts, headed by aggressive circles of certain great powers, are aiming at imposing their aggressive policy on other countries, also increase production of weapons and for this purpose are creating in all parts of the world air and naval bases which are in no way justified by the interests of these nations.

DOOMED TO DEFEAT

These "aggressive circles," Mr. Malik charged, "pursue a policy of unleashing new wars."

The United States delegate, Mr. Warren Austin, answered that such regional defence pacts were fully in accord with the United Nations' principles and were "of peaceful intent."

He denounced Russia's move as "sneak attack."

The latest Russian disarmament proposal appeared doomed to defeat from the start. Britain's Sir Alexander Cadogan observed drily that "it is a considerable waste of time" for the Russians to keep reviving once-defeated projects.—United Press.

Italian Rioters Battle Police

Rome, Feb. 8.—Shooting flared up in the streets of Ancona today as riot police battled with a Communist-led mob of unemployed. First reports said at least ten persons were injured in the clash.

Disputes from the Adriatic port city of 100,000 said rifle and revolver shots were fired on police who were patrolling the streets in jeeps and armoured cars. The police fired back.

Late this afternoon the city was described as quiet but tense. Hundreds of unemployed still roam the streets.—Associated Press.

EDITORIAL

An Urgent Question

THE Soviet Union's offer of a non-aggression pact to Norway poses an urgent question to the United States and the other Atlantic Pact powers. Norway, herself, between the devil and the deep blue sea, can do little. It was obvious from the beginning that as soon as they even considered abandoning their traditional neutrality the Scandinavian countries would have to choose their side. The recent Nordic talks apparently failed because Sweden and Denmark were unwilling to do this; they hoped that by not committing themselves to positive action, they could postpone, and perhaps evade, that difficult decision. Norway is to be congratulated on her more realistic attitude. She argued from the first that the old neutrality would not be possible in a third world war, and proposed that the Northern Powers decide once and for all where their sympathies lay, and enter into collective defence agreements immediately. The original Norwegian note to Moscow was guarded and non-committal, but the present visit of the Norwegian Foreign Minister, Mr. Lange, to the United States indicates that Norway has, as expected, chosen the West. It remains for the West to offer their potential ally acceptable terms, and to give careful consideration to her views and problems. On the face of it the Soviet offer is reasonable enough. Its object, if any confidence could be placed in it, is the

Awards To HK Firemen

London, Feb. 8.—Two Hongkong firemen have been awarded the King's Police and Fire Services Medal for gallantry during the September 22 fire when more than 140 people died. The London Gazette announced this tonight.

They are Acting Deputy Chief Officer Harold Tip-lady and Station Officer Wong Wai-foi.

The citation says Mr. Tip-lady showed "great courage and initiative" in effecting a dangerous rescue. Station Officer Wong, says the citation, initiated the rescue of about 60 people who were trapped on the upper floors of a building.—Reuter.

Missing Plane Believed To Have Crashed

Copenhagen, Feb. 8.—A Scandinavian Airlines' Viking aircraft, bound for Copenhagen from Madrid, was reported missing tonight after trying unsuccessfully to make a blind approach landing by instruments at Kastrup Airport here.

The plane was believed to have crashed in the sea between Denmark and Sweden. The aircraft, carrying 23 passengers on board and a crew of four or five, was last in touch with Kastrup Airport at about 8 p.m. since when nothing had been heard by the airport from it.

All the passengers were Danish. Actual details were not known here.

A report from Stockholm tonight said a Viking plane belonging to the Danish branch of the Scandinavian Airlines was reported to have crashed in the sea 20 miles off Malmoe in fog.—Reuter.

Free Motor Cars For Disabled

London, Feb. 8.—The Minister of Pensions, Mr. H. A. Morrison, was asked in the House of Commons today for details of plans to provide for free motor cars for certain disabled ex-Servicemen and women.

He stated that plans had been made to supply 1,500 small cars. Certain adaptations of standard models had been arranged to meet the needs of disabled persons.

So far, 23 cars had been delivered. Fifty cars were to be available for blind pensioners.—Reuter.

DEFENCE OPENS ADDRESS IN KWOK-SPARY TRIAL

Strong Objection Taken To Statement By Crown Counsel

COMMENT ON LACK OF SYSTEM IN ISSUE OF PWD STORES

Strong objection to a statement by Crown Counsel that the Police Force was, from time to time, abused by defence counsel, was taken by Mr Percy Chen at the Criminal Sessions this morning when the concluding phase of the lengthy P.W.D. larceny trial was reached. "The best possible relations exist between myself, Mr Hooton, my learned friend, Mr Johnson and Mr MacPherson of the Police, but that does not prevent us from examining from every angle all the evidence. So don't get too heated about the matter, Mr Hooton," remarked Mr Chen.

On trial before Mr Justice Reynolds and a jury of four men and three women are Kwok Kwong, foreman, and Austin Spary, electrical inspector, grade I, facing 11 charges of theft by public servant, obtaining money from the Kowloon Bowling Green Club by false pretences, and conspiracy to defraud the Government of money. Spary is defended by Mr V. J. L. D'Alton, instructed by Mr P. J. Griffiths, while Mr A. Hooton, Crown Counsel, is prosecuting, assisted by Mr J. Johnson, A.S.P., and Mr D. G. MacPherson, A.S.P.

Mr Hooton, who spoke for two and a half hours yesterday, concluded his address to the jury at 10.35 a.m. today. In his final point, Crown Counsel asked the jury to always remember that all the jobs were done at the premises of friends and acquaintances of Spary and, in his submission, neither Kwok Kwong, nor Ho Sung nor any workman would dare to go to these places in broad daylight for fear of being reported to the authorities or being seen by Spary.

"In my submission the Police officers, of all people, have done their duty properly and fairly and have properly brought forward this case," said Mr Hooton.

When the Court assembled, Crown Counsel, concluding his final speech, referred to the work done at the C.P.A. and said that it was an incontrovertible fact that the materials used were drawn from the Hongkong stores and were still at the C.P.A. Regarding Mr Hooton's statement that it was indeed unfortunate that he was away from the Colony during the hearing of the case, but that he had heard from officials that Mr Harris had been pressed to go on leave because he was run down in health. He did not tell the Police, and any suggestion that his going away was done with the connivance of the Police was, of course, nonsense, said Mr Hooton.

Mr Hooton submitted that in the C.P.A. case in many of the others, numerous defences had been put forward in cross-examination, but they fell down for lack of evidence and by reason of the evidence of Lam Yam, whose statement had been admitted as having been made voluntarily and which told the whole story.

LAST CHARGE

Regarding the last charge, that of conspiracy, Crown Counsel said that the jury's deliberations need not be long. If they were satisfied on the evidence that the workmen did work in Government time at the orders of the defendants, or either of them, and that the two defendants had agreed that they should work there in Government time, then, in his submission, they should be found guilty.

Dealing with Kwok's statement from the dock, Mr Hooton said

New U.S. Bill Would Repeal Racial Bars

Washington, Feb. 8.—The House of Representatives Judiciary Committee today approved unanimously legislation to repeal all racial bars to immigration into the United States.

This measure, which will be introduced into the House of Representatives "as soon as possible," will principally affect Asiatics, including Pakistanis, Koreans, Japanese, Malaysians, Indonesians, Nepalese and Pacific Islanders. Racial bars to Indians, Chinese and Filipinos already have been repealed.

The bill's sponsor, Representative Walter Judd, said the bill would enable 85,000 Asiatics at present in the United States to take out naturalization papers. He said he expected the House to act favourably on the measure.

Mr Francis Walter, chairman of the House Judiciary sub-committee on Immigration and Naturalization, said the bill would eliminate one of the major causes of friction in the Far East.—United Press.

that in view of the vast amount of evidence which had come forward in Court, it was somewhat astounding to find it so concise in its brevity.

Mr Hooton went on to say the Crown accepted the fact that Ho Sung was an accomplice, and the suggestion had been made by the defence that some of the workmen were also accomplices but the defence had not called any of them as witnesses.

Mr D'Alton: I think it is improper for my learned friend to comment on the fact that they are not called as witnesses.

His Lordship: It is for the jury to find on the evidence whether they were accomplices or not.

Mr D'Alton referred his Lordship to Archbold and remarked that the defence did not know how many workmen had been interviewed by the Police and, therefore, they could not rely on their evidence.

DEFENCE OBJECTION

Mr Hooton: With regard to the insinuations on the Police conduct in interviewing these men a number of times, you may think that with a case of this size it would take the Police a considerable time to interview, write down statements of a vast number of people, by no means all of whom have been called before you. The Police had a duty to investigate this case thoroughly, both in the interests of justice and in the interests of the defence. I would suggest and say that of all people in this case, by far the most reliable and the ones who have come through with flying colours are the Police officers concerned. The Police force is from time to time abused by defence counsel....

Mr Chen: I object to that. If we have any particular charges to lay against the Police they will be made. The best possible relations exist between myself, Mr Hooton, my learned friend, Mr Johnson and Mr MacPherson, but that does not prevent us from examining from every angle all the evidence. So don't get so heated on the matter, Mr Hooton.

Mr D'Alton: It is quite untrue to say that we have abused the Police. Mr Chen: Men have been acquitted in this very Court because Police officers have exceeded their bounds. It is nothing unusual.

Mr Hooton: In my submission the Police officers, of all people, have done their duty properly and fairly and have properly brought forward this case for your consideration.

Referring to Spary's banking account, Mr Hooton said that it was agreed that there was nothing in it to suggest that he had been receiving payment. There was no suggestion of that at all, and in his submission the evidence was purely negative. No person would place into his bank account sums which he could not account for.

RIGHT TO THE ROOT

Mr Chen said that before he began his address to the jury, he would like to draw the attention of the

Court to a definition of possession which was enunciated by Crown Counsel and which went right to the root of the trial. In the submission of the prosecution the materials were in Government stores and the Crown exercised control over them and had the right of possession over them by virtue of their presence and that the accused had no right to dispose of them. He would ask Crown Counsel at this juncture if he would discuss the law to support his contention.

His Lordship: I will direct the jury on the law. If you have any submissions to make to the Court on the law I will hear them.

Mr Chen: My request to my learned friend from his point of view is that I would like to hear from him whether his case is based upon the alleged use by the accused of materials which were taken from the Government stores or whether the materials were left over from certain jobs.

His Lordship: It is obvious that there is some of each.

Mr D'Alton: There is nothing obvious about anything. It must be proved.

His Lordship: I wish you would allow Mr Chen to address me and not interrupt.

Mr Chen: I am sure it was an inadvertence on my friend's part at the heat of the moment.

His Lordship remarked that there was evidence that some of the goods were ordinary Government property and sent out to jobs from the stores, and there was evidence that some of the materials were left by the Japanese.

Replying to Mr. Chen, Crown Counsel said that most of the cable alleged to have been stolen was new white wire. There were lamps formerly in the G.P.O., but they had been removed and stored in the Wanchai workshop.

LONG CASE

Mr Chen, opening his address to the jury, said that he was sure that the Court, his Lordship, his learned friend and Crown Counsel were all indebted to the jury for the patience—the amazing patience—and the amazing attention which they had given to the case. In a long period since he was called to the Bar, said Mr Chen, he had never come across in any Court in the Colony, in other Colonies and in the Mother Country a case which had lasted so long. The trial had lasted five weeks and the case itself over six months. Kwok Kwong was arrested on August 11 and had been in custody ever since.

The jury had followed the case in a manner and with such attention as he had never seen here before. Even in small cases he had seen juriesman dozing off—but never jurieswomen. But in this case he had watched the jury very attentively, and there had been no sign of any dozing. They were fortunate to have standing between the King and the prisoners at the bar seven jurors who had every-day knowledge of conditions in Hongkong both before the war and after the war up to the present time.

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Li Moves To Patch Up KMT Split

Canton, Feb. 9.—General Huang Hsiao-hsiung, close associate of Acting President Li Tsung-jen, arrived from Nanking last night for conferences with Premier Sun Fo and other Kwangtung leaders.

He arrived amidst reports of a widening breach between the Kwangtung faction, headed by Dr. Sun and Governor Hsueh Yuch, and Kwangtung group headed by Acting President Li Tsung-jen.

General Huang is reported to have been sent to Canton by President Li in an attempt to patch up differences between the groups. His principal activity during a scheduled two-day stay is believed to be to ally Kwangtung with the Communists in making a peace with the Communists which might provide personal protection for the Kwangtung group.

The Governor of Kwangtung, General Hsueh Yuch, honoured the emissary at a dinner party last night which was attended by all prominent officials now gathered in this refugee capital. General Huang is due to make a formal call on Premier Sun today.—United Press.

YEN'S MISSION

Shanghai, Feb. 8.—Weather conditions permitting, Shanghai's civilian peace delegation, led by Dr. W. W. Yen, will leave for Peiping this morning to "knock at the door of peace," it was learned.

They will travel in a special China National Aviation Corporation plane. At the time of writing, the weather is overcast with a steady drizzle—conditions which may necessitate a postponement of the takeoff.

As a result of a last-minute reshuffle, the Yen mission will comprise three members instead of six—Dr. Yen, Mr. Chang Hsu-chao, a prominent lawyer and one-time Prime Minister in the early days of the Republic, and Mr. Kiang Yun, a notable local attorney.

The mission will be accompanied by Dr. Shao Li-tze, the unofficial leader of the Nationalist Government's peace delegation.—Reuter.

POWERS CONSULTING

Washington, Feb. 8.—A State Department spokesman today said that the United States, Britain and France were engaged in general consultations on the "Chinese situation."

The Department press officer, Mr. Michael McDermott, left unchallenged a London report that the three governments were discussing their attitude toward a possible government in China. Mr. McDermott said he "would not say," when asked, whether the report was "true or false." However, he added that the three powers were in almost constant general discussion on events in China.—United Press.

25 TRAINS SNOWBOUND IN WYOMING

Chicago, Feb. 9.—Some 25 Union Pacific trains are snow-bound in Wyoming, stranding more than 4,000 travellers, as strong winds piled fresh drifts of snow in the Western states.

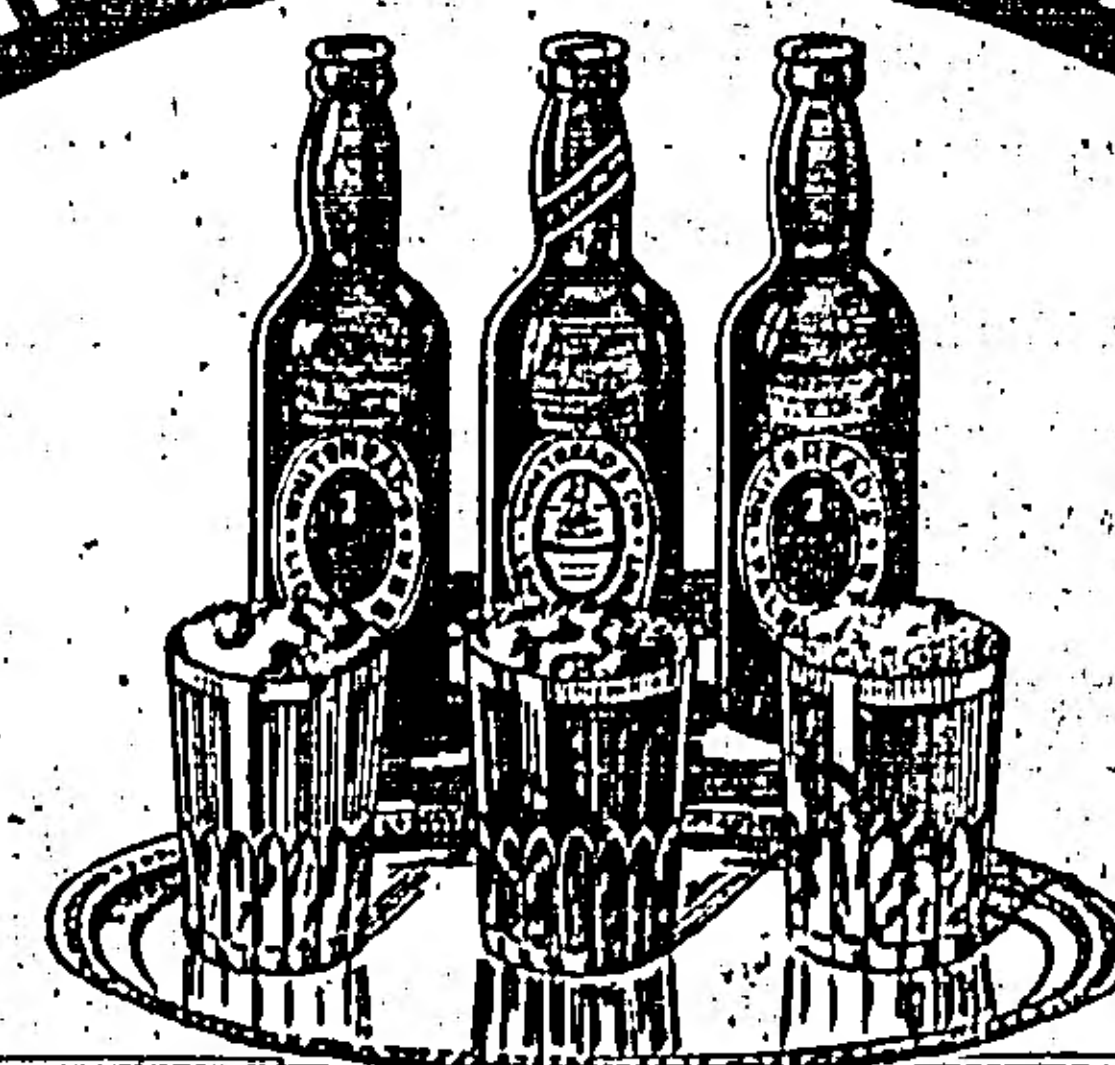
At Pawling, Wyoming, where houses are buried by wind-whipped snow, the Mayor appealed for state aid to meet the emergency.

In Washington, Maj. Gen. Philip Fleming, Federal Work Administrator, said, after a trip over the blizzard area, that the situation is under control "if we do not get more snow and blizzards."

He estimated livestock losses at three or four percent. Reports of livestock losses are incomplete. A survey showed that 4,180 out of 340,000 cattle died in the Broken Bow, Nebraska, area. In Campbell County, Wyoming, 7,500 of 75,000 cattle and 13,000 of 90,000 sheep are dead.



Gusts of winds at 40 miles per hour slipped across the Northern Rockies into the Western ranges of Nebraska and the Dakotas on Tuesday.—Associated Press.

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WOMANSENSE

Queen Of 'Once Upon A Time'

by Victor Thompson

If you have no children and do not borrow anybody else's, you may never have heard the name of Enid Blyton, but if you are a parent you will know at once whom I mean.

Enid Blyton is the best-selling author of books for boys and girls. She is more than that, for she has become the idol of her readers, who send her an average of 1,000 letters a week telling her so.

To them she is the wonderful person who is never too tired to write. Then a story, and during last Christmas Santa Claus received thousands of requests not merely for a book, but an Enid Blyton book.

Girlhood

BOOK trade gossip is that this popularity came Enid Blyton between £50,000 and £60,000 a year, but the real figure is "only" £10,000, or twice what a Cabinet Minister gets.

This eminence has been achieved without advertising and publicity campaigns. It would be pointless to try to "boost" Enid Blyton because children are impervious to Public Relation blandishments.

What sort of person, then, is this Queen of 'Once Upon a Time'? She is a tall dark woman with a ready smile and the brightest brown eyes you ever saw. She is the wife of a famous surgeon and she has two girls of her own, one seventeen and one twelve.

We met her by the fire in her home at Benconfield and she talked of her phenomenal success, which still bewilders her somewhat.

"Even as a little girl," she said, "I used to make up stories for my brothers. At the age of eight I was already determined to be a writer of children's books when I grew up."

Her parents wanted her to become a musician and sent her to the Guildhall School of Music. For years she studied hard and did four hours of practice every day, but all the time she went on scribbling.

Semi-colons, Not Quavers

WHEN she was seventeen she told her father she would always prefer semi-colons to semi-quavers. He, wise man, agreed to let her have her way.

To find out all about the minds of young readers she did three years as a student teacher in kindergarten schools.

While she was still teaching her first book was published—a collection of stories she had written while still a child. Since then she has published nearly 250 books, and still found time to be a wife and mother, to run a home, to do all the shopping, to work for hours in her garden.

Household Hints

When you are using a double boiler, it is best to fill the bottom part about one-third full. If too little water is used, it may boil away before the food in the top part has finished cooking.

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Strain shortening that has been used for deep fat frying through three thicknesses of cheesecloth before storing. Keep this covered container in the refrigerator until ready to use again.

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To keep white paint glossy, wash it with milk and very little soap.

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If buying drapery or slipcover material to use in an informal room, consider the printed calicoes which are new and smart for informal, traditional and modern rooms and, in addition, wash well.

1922 HAD NO WAISTLINE

By PATRICIA CLARY

HOLLYWOOD—it probably won't do any good, but women who are slaves of fashion ought to take a look at the fashion of 1922 to 1926 inclusive.

It looks strange now but it was an high style then as the latest Hattie Carnegie today.

Husbands who wish to impress this mortal on their wives should take them to see Warner Bros. "Task Force." Jane Wyatt is absolutely stylish—and absolutely ridiculous.

Miss Wyatt shares that opinion about her clothes.

"What happened to my waistline?" was her first question when she tried on the box-like affair designer Leah Rhodes whipped up. "I never looked worse."

Miss Rhodes assured her that it was exactly the same garment that millions of women wanted to possess in 1922.

"But it's all the same width from shoulders to hem," Miss Wyatt

"I am a bit concerned," she told me, "that people who know how many books I produce will think my work must come before my home. The opposite is true. The only reason I can publish so much is because I write so fast."

Certainly she writes at an enviable pace. With a portable typewriter on her knee she will sit in an armchair and, with two fingers, peck out 2,000 words an hour.

"But first," she says, "I just sit with closed eyes and wait for my imagination to start operating what I might call my private cinema. It is a very well-trained imagination."

It is, indeed. After a minute or two, it begins to produce moving pictures behind the closed eyes. Little children appear and play and quarrel. She hears their voices. She knows their names.

Then behind them forms the setting for the new story—all without conscious effort on Enid Blyton's part.

Before long it has been acted out by the shadow children. Enid Blyton opens her eyes and the typewriter begins to click.

Simplicity

WHATEVER the plot, you may be sure that it will not contain anything frightening like Grimm's witches nor anything vulgar, nor any suggestion that Crime sometimes pays. Jinxsters never get away with it in Enid Blyton stories.

It may be a tale of the Faraway Tree, where the Little Folk live, and up which good children may sometimes climb into Birthday Land or the Land of Goodies. It may be a school tale for older children or another instalment of a serial.

Before I left she showed me a fan-letter.

"Dear Miss Blyton," it ran. "I love your new serial serial and I hope you won't die until you've finished it."

Certainly Miss Blyton is a power in the land.

Spring Ensemble



By PRUNELLA WOOD

CLOURFUL and with an elegant cut, this wool ensemble for resort and spring wardrobes combines a tweedlike soft wool coat with a jersey wool frock.

The coat is a bittersweet brown, crossed with a tiny chartreuse check which gives a flecked rather than a plaid effect; it is lined throughout with chartreuse jersey matching the dress, the lining showing as an under piping along the sleeve slants. The frock has collar and sleeve in one, like the coat, and pockets similar to the coat's. It is belted with red leather to which brass fastenings and a pendant seal big as a door knocker (small size door knocker, we admit) of heavy brass, are attached.

Do You Get Enough Exercise?



When bad weather keeps her indoors, Movie Star Penny Edwards does limbering-up exercises at home.

By HELEN FOLLETT

FEW women take enough exercise to keep their blood streams travelling. Most of them know that fact well enough, especially when they find that the waist line isn't the little equator that it used to be. Many make resolutions, in a few bending stunts for several days, get bored, and that's the end of it.

There is no reason why exercise should be complicated or exhausting. Let us suggest the "Windmill" which, at any rate, has a pleasant, interesting name that suggests plenty of activity.

Stand tall, spinal column stretched to the limit. Have the feet ten or twelve inches apart, arms horizontal on a line with the shoulders. Then, in a long, downward curve, touch your left toes with right hand, being careful not to bend at the knees. Do the same movement with your right hand, reaching your right toes. Keep your eyes on the outstretched hand.

Movie stars have their favourite exercises. Many of them are in-

terested in outdoor sports. They take no chances on their pretty figures going to seed; that terrible state of affairs would put them out of business in a hurry. If you admire them do as they do. Spare at least ten minutes every day for a muscle work-out. Stand before an open window, draw in the fresh air.

Here is another exercise, one that will give help to the poor dear who is limbering because her hips are widening, thighs and calves thickening.

Lie on your back on the floor, toes hooked under a heavy piece of furniture or a radiator. Fold your arms across your chest. Rise slowly to a sitting position. Back slowly to first position. The first movement may not be easy, the second one may be impossible until you have strengthened the muscles of your back.

The old standby—touching the floor without bending the knees—is still a favourite with many women who would retain youthful contour.


Let's Eat
 BY
IDA BAILEY ALLEN

Chicken Cooked Spanish Style

"CHEF, I'm planning to have a little dinner tomorrow for eight persons. And I'd like to have chicken for the main dish."

"Foulet de Bresse would be excellent, Madame."

"You mean fine broiling chickens baked in lots of butter in a sealed casserole."

"Or we can have your American fried chicken Maryland with the bacon, and mushrooms for a garnish."

"Yes, yes, go on—"

"Or it can be the young chicken breasts on sliced Smithfield ham with mushrooms baked under the glass bells." The Chef folded his arms. His eyes gleamed with anticipation.

"Oh no, we'll have chicken. But we are not going to use broiling or frying chickens. We are going to be thrifty and use one big plump stewing hen; it costs ever so much less per pound; it's almost a fourth cheaper."

"Then what Madame wants is plain chicken fricassee," the Chef remarked in a flat tone.

"But Chef, we're going to make it more glamorous than that."

"How?"

"We'll have chicken Paella," I announced.

"Oh, the Chicken Paella!" he echoed. "That is the Spanish style of cooking chicken with the golden rice and the Spanish sausage."

"And the clams," I added. "Don't forget them. Those steaming hot baked clams on the half shell all around the edge of the casserole look positively sensational."

Spanish Sausage

"This will really be a chicken dish de luxe," said the Chef, his spirits rising again. "And if I cannot get the Spanish sausage, I will use the Polish style sausage which is very tasty. If necessary I can use some tinned clams, and Madame, if your readers would like to use this recipe and cannot get the clams in the shell for decorating the outside edges, I would suggest some mussels or a few large cooked shrimp. This combination of chicken with sea food and rice is one of the most favoured on the continent. It is a dish for an epicure. And to give a beautiful golden colour and delicate flavour to the rice, I shall add a touch of saffron."

"That will be some dish," I said. "It's the best way I know to make one plump hen serve eight persons."

"What will be the rest of the menu, Madame?"

"We'll start with chilled grapefruit juice. Then comes the Chicken Paella, no vegetables with it. For the next course let's have asparagus and cucumber salad with your good vinaigrette dressing."

"And for an accompaniment some nice celery cheese sticks?"

"They'll be excellent, Chef. For dessert let's have frosted pineapple-strawberry cup, each topped with a small scoop of lemon ice, a pint will

be enough to serve eight guests. We'll have the coffee in the living-room, and I'd like to pass some thin sugar wafers with it; we can serve those we made yesterday in the test kitchen."

"And Madame, we shall have a de luxe dinner inside the budget. I go now to make the required shopping."

Dinner

Grapefruit Juice

Chicken Paella en Casserole

Asparagus and Cucumber Salad

Celery Cheese Sticks

Frosted Pineapple-Strawberry Cup

Sugar Wafers

Coffee or Tea Milk (Children)

All Measurements Are Level

Recipes Serve Four

Chicken Paella en Casserole

Purchase a 3 to 4 lb. plump hen.

Clean as necessary. Tweeze out the pin feathers; scrub with mild soapy water; drain and rinse thoroughly. Then cut into sections as for fricassee. Clean and add the giblets. Add 9 c. boiling water; 1/4 c. sliced onion; 1 section garlic, crushed; 3 tsp. salt; 1/4 tsp. pepper and 4 bouillon cubes. Cover closely; bring to boiling point, and simmer from 2 to 3 hr. or until the chicken is tender. (Or pressure cook 35 min. at 15 lb. pressure, using only 1 qt. of water.)

Next, in a large separate utensil measure 1/3 c. margarine or other cooking fat. Add 5 c. unwashed, packaged, dry, whole or converted rice, and slow-fry until it begins to turn yellow, stirring constantly about 2 min. To this add the chicken, with the broth, and 1/2 lb. thin sliced Polish sausage. Chop and add the chicken giblets. Add 1/2 tsp. powdered saffron, and stir thoroughly. Turn in 1/2 pt. cleaned, loose clams, or use 1 tin whole clams and liquid. Cover closely; bring to a boil and simmer 40 min. If the rice seems to be getting too dry, add a little boiling water, and put on asbestos mat underneath the utensil. To serve, transfer to a 4 qt. casserole—yes, this makes a lot. Arrange eight clams in their scrubbed shells around the edge, cover and bake 15 min. at 350 F. or until the clams open. Add the rice to dry and daky. Serves 8.

Frosted Pineapple-Strawberry Cup

Wash, hull and slice 3 c. strawberries. Add 1/2 c. shredded fresh pineapple, 1-1/2 tsp. lemon juice and 1/4 c. sugar. Then chill. (Or substitute 1 tin crushed pineapple for the fresh, and use only 1/2 c. sugar.)

Serve in sherbet glasses with a topping of small scoops of lemon sherbet.

Trick Of The Chef

To make the cheese sticks, roll piecrust pastry thin. Sprinkle with a little celery seed and plenty of fine grated sharp American cheese. Fold over. Roll out again, cut in strips, place on oiled pans, brush with milk, sprinkle with a few celery seeds and bake 10 min. in a hot oven, 425 F.

WORLD NEWS IN PICTURES



BATTLING THE ELEMENTS—With the power of three engines behind it, this snow plough fights its way through heavy drifts outside Cheyenne, Wyoming. Traffic was at a standstill in the recent blizzards which paralysed the area for several days.



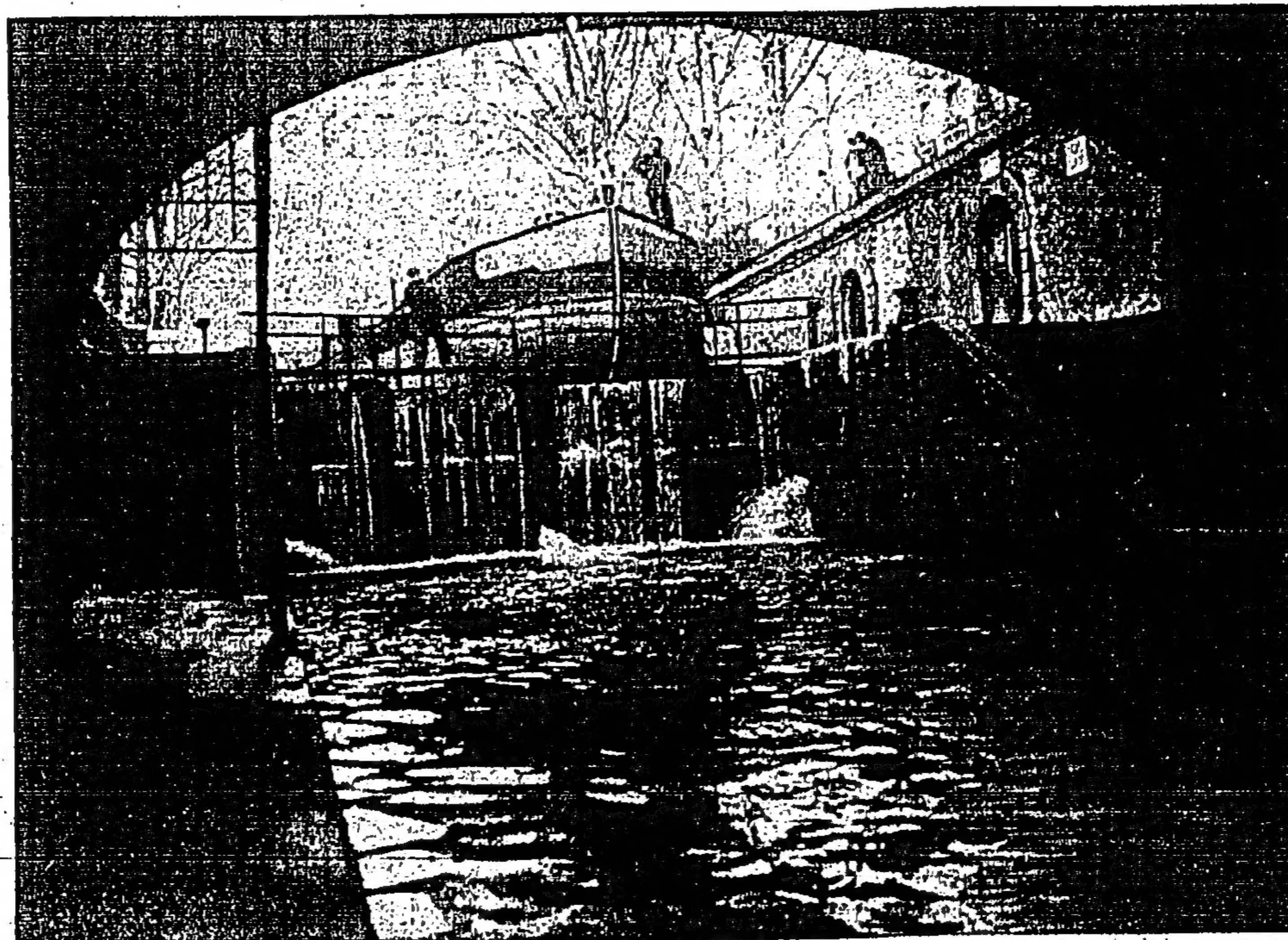
DOG'S LIFE—A dog's life must be miserable indeed, judging by the expressions on the faces of boxer Bladans Yo Yo and her seven-puppy litter. The New Hartford, New York, group is perfectly contented, despite all the frowns.



TO LECTURE FOR WORLD PEACE—Mrs. Adrienne Boissevain arrives in New York from Amsterdam to lecture on world peace. The patchwork skirt is worn by members of a Dutch women's club as a symbol of unity and world harmony.



SWEATER GIRL—Dr. Hubert W. Frings, associate professor of entomology at Penn State, couldn't study the effect of mice inhaling aerosol. They licked the stuff off their bodies, so the professor had his wife knit sweaters, eliminating the problem.



UNDERGROUND CANAL—A barge waits at a lock to be dropped into the covered section of the subterranean St Martin Canal in Paris. Built in the early 19th century as an open canal to cut off a 65-mile trip on the meandering Seine River, two miles of it were covered over in the 20th century to ease surface traffic. Barges are dropped 102 feet during the trip by means of nine pairs of locks.



IN THE FIELD—General Lucius D. Clay, United States Military Governor of Germany, has his lunch with troops on exercises near Darmstadt. The operation was to check the power of troops in the face of "aggressors" attack from both east and west.



OFF TO RED RALLY—Young Berlin Communists ride in a Soviet army truck en route to a rally in the Russian sector of Berlin. Communist chief Walter Ulbricht denounced the western powers at the rally which commemorated the death of two German Communists during the Berlin revolution of 1919.



OUTDOOR MINDED—Buxom Jane Russell is outdoor-conscious. So much so that she poses beside a swimming pool which was finished and used before the rest of her new home in the San Fernando Valley.



FOR ALL LEVELS—These New York hoses are playing on windows at all levels in a wholesale house fire. The five-alarm blaze reached serious proportions but no injuries were reported.

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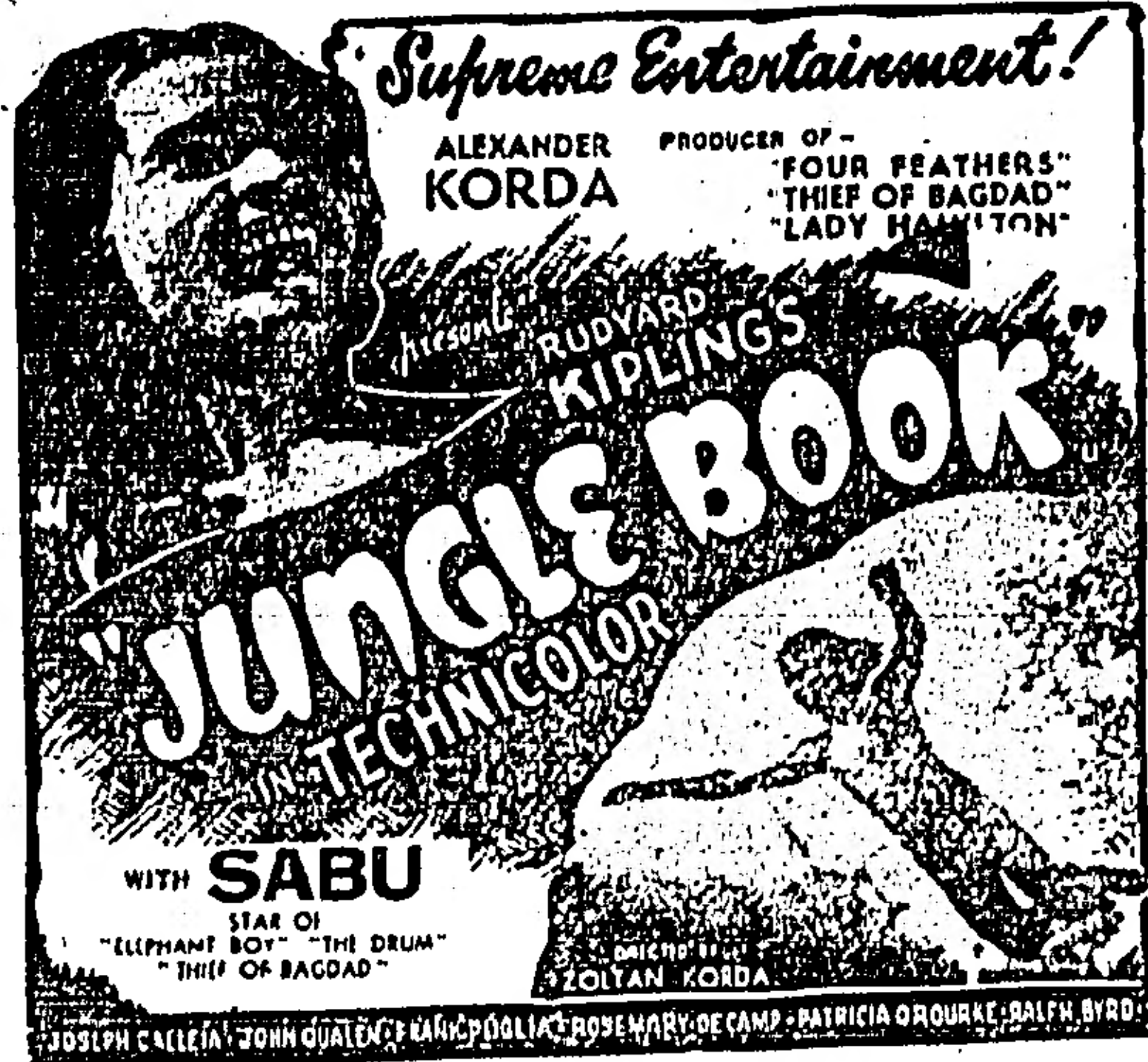
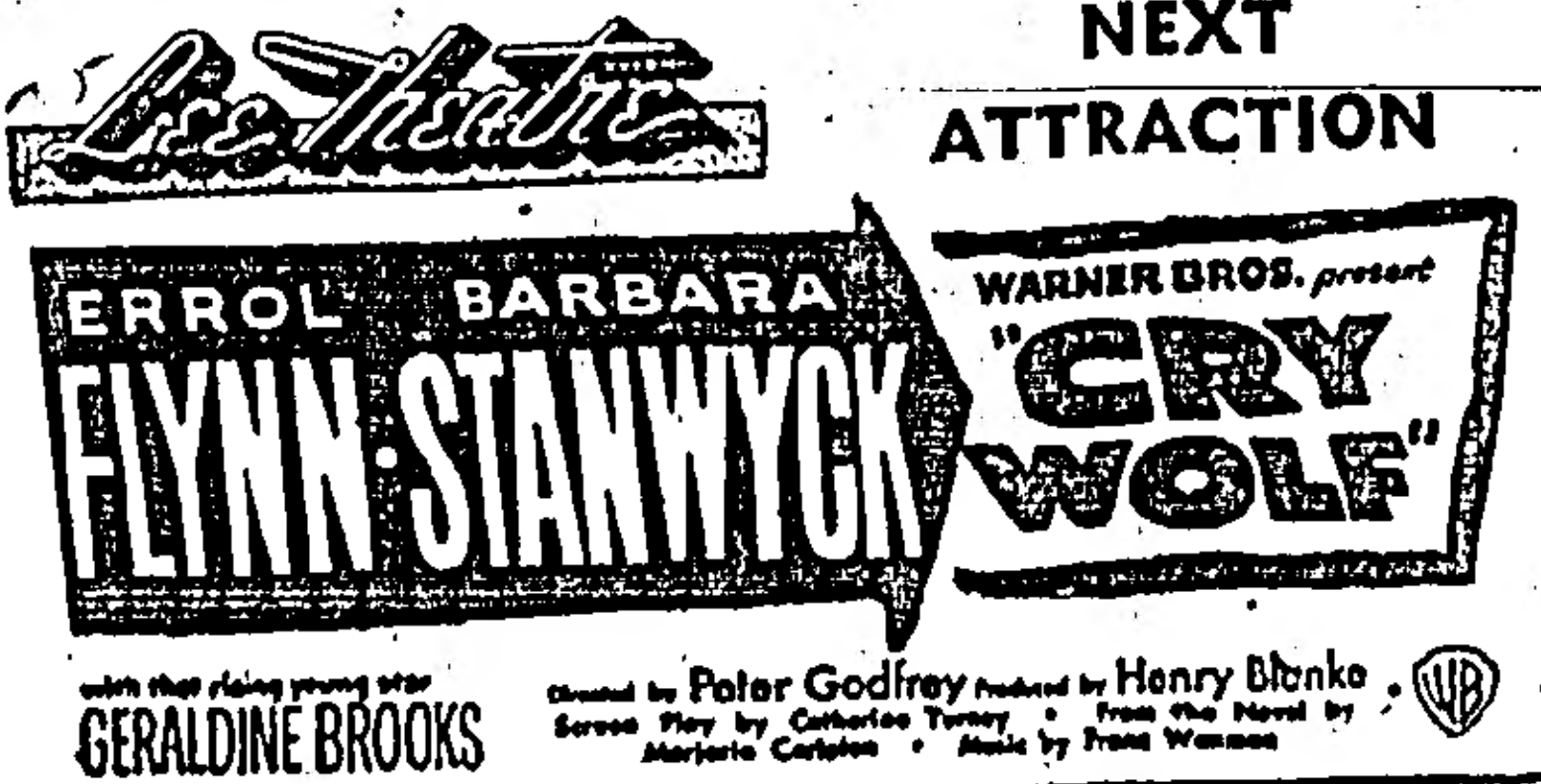
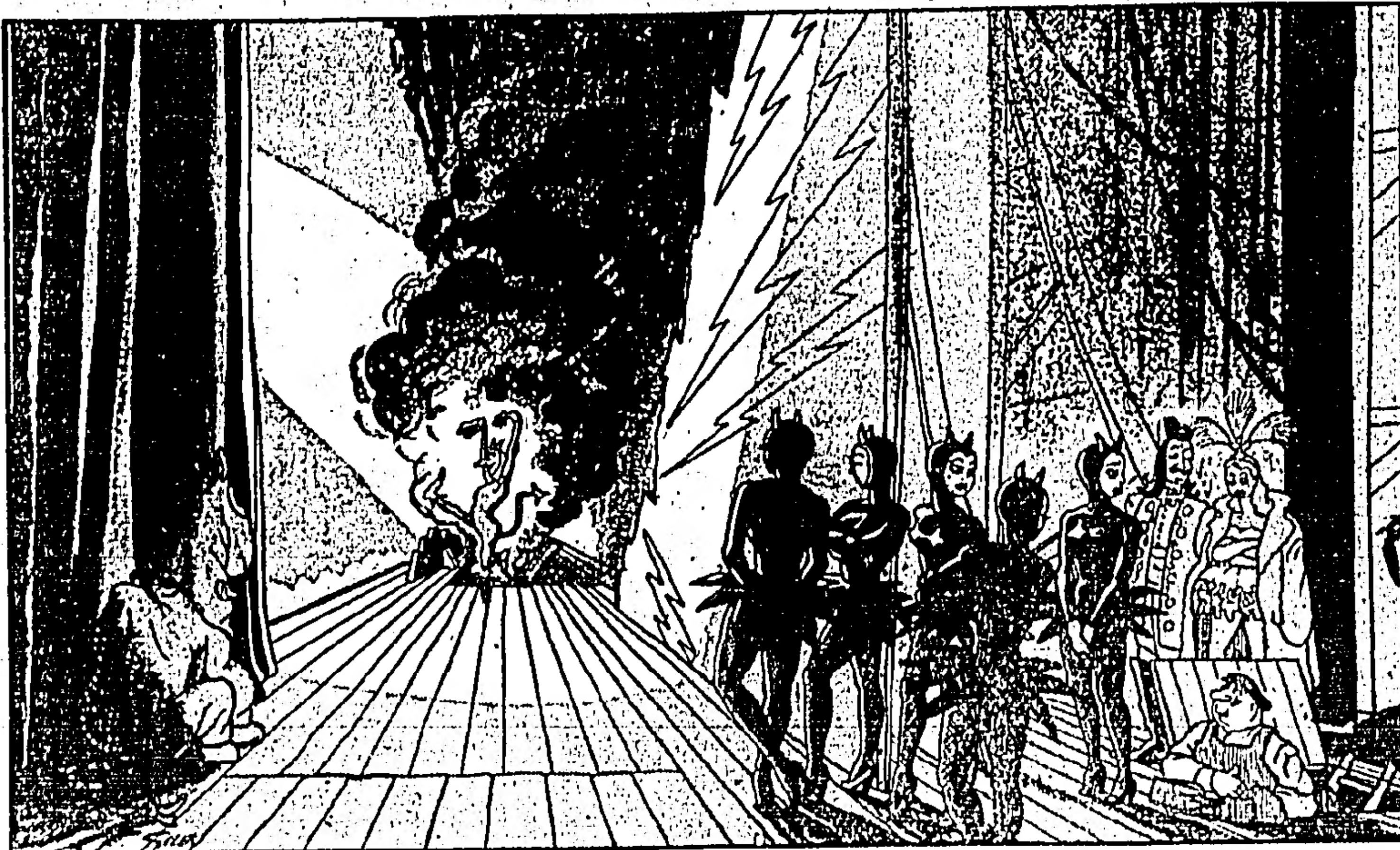
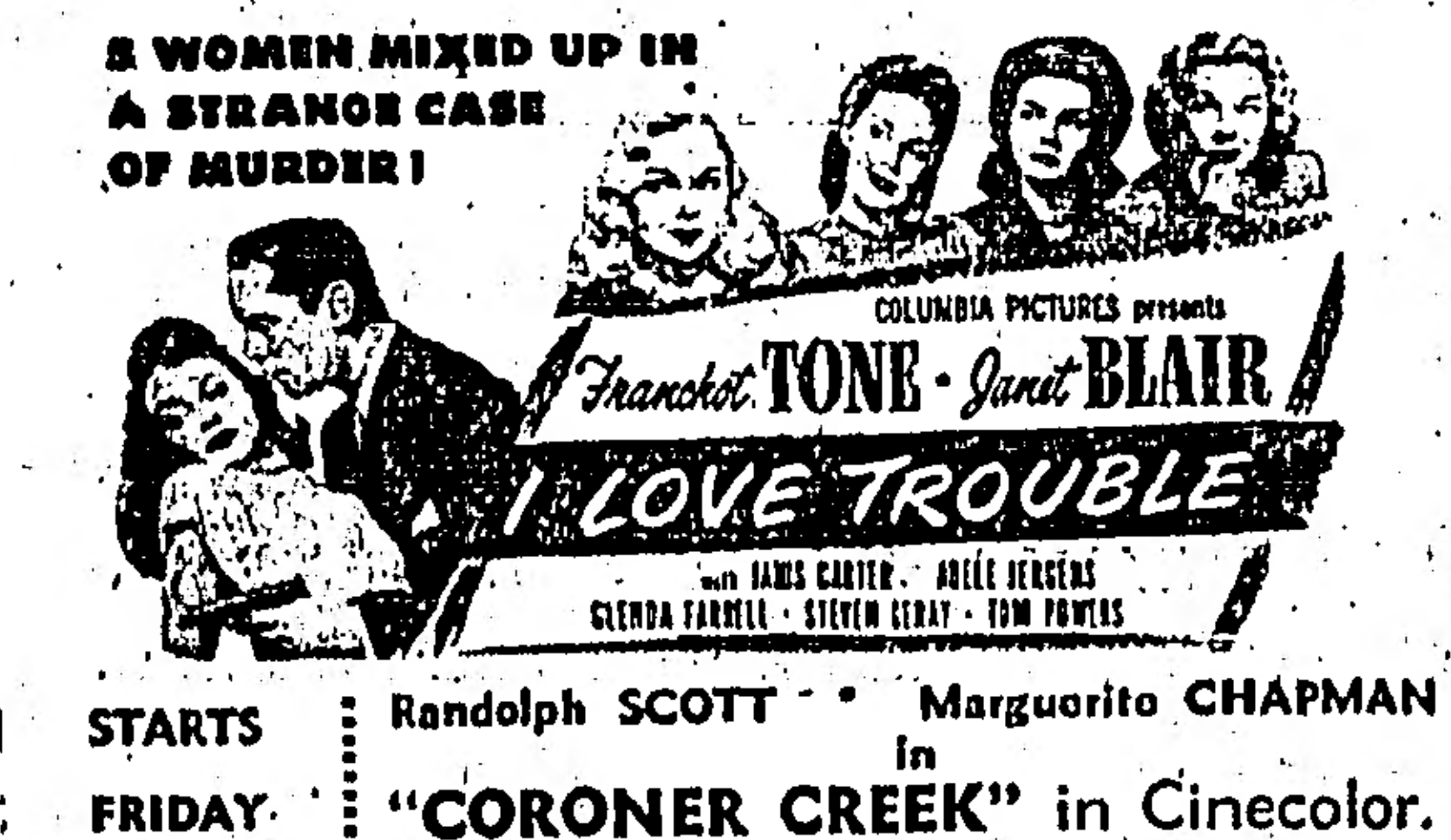
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Told 'em to be comradely.Folks in Minsk
Weren't taught to think
Of schools and books and learnin.
Till they learned their A B C
Trying to be comradely,
Trying to be comradely.You didn't have to know how to
read and write,
To run around the town on a
Saturday night.
You didn't have to look in a book
to find
What the polit-bureau had on
its mind.My uncle in the Urals
He couldn't sign his name,
Went highbrow, painted murals,
They shot him just the same.Uncle I've might be alive
If politics hadn't got him,
On the spree he talked too free,
Other comrades shot him,
Other comrades shot him.Uncle Dick was never sick
Till he studied Trotsky,
They shot him dead because he
said
Trotsky's not so hot,
Trotsky's not so hot.Sister Ann she loved her gran
Till she joined the party,
Then her granny seemed to be
A member of the bourgeoisie
(So she done her in, you see),
The dirty, filthy bourgeoisie.In old Murmansk
They don't say thank,
For all your books and learnin,
They were happy as could be
Doing what came naturally,
Doing what came naturally.

The Sparrow

"IS ANYBODY at home?" It was
the voice of Mrs Sparrow's Soul
Mate, a stoutish bird moulting on
top of his head. Mrs Sparrow, who
was cooking over two lighted twigs
in a corner of the nest, hopped
round on one claw and tried to
remove her tiny apron with the
other."Oh, dear, fancy you here," she
said."Not pleased to see me?" asked
the Soul Mate in mock alarm."You know I'm always pleased to
see you," said Mrs Sparrow, "but
I didn't think you'd catch me like
this with my apron on and every-
thing upside down.""There is no prettier domestic
scene than the angel of the nest
wearing her apron, and her beak
over the cooking pot."The Soul Mate sniffed eagerly
at the delicious smells filling the
air."And I expect my beak's shiny
too," said Mrs Sparrow, hopping
to a square half-inch of mirror and
dabbling frantically at her face witha thistledown powder puff. I don't
know what you must think of me.""Perhaps I'll tell you one day,"
said the Soul Mate, trying to make
his voice vibrant with passion.
"Where is the Sparrow?""At that awful Tree Tops Club.
I suppose, drinking again.""Dear me, how dreadful," said the
Soul Mate. "Can't you interest him
in good books?""He's never sober enough to read
anything but racing tips," said Mrs
Sparrow."This is appalling," said the Soul
Mate. "You really must try harder
to rouse his better nature. Even
the most misguided of us has a
better nature.""You're so kind to everybody,
you make me want to cry," said
Mrs Sparrow. "I'm sure I've tried
hard enough, working my claws
to the bone keeping the place nice,
and cooking nice meals. I'd take
an interest in his work if he did
any.""What are you cooking now?"
asked the Soul Mate."Devilled earwigs on bread-
crumbs. Do you like them?""My favourite," said the Soul
Mate, settling down to the little
table. "Has the Sparrow any other
interest apart from his friends at
the club?""There's the Other Sparrow..."
"Ah," said the Soul Mate, filling
his beak with earwigs, "Cherchez
la femme.""Is that French for something?"
asked Mrs Sparrow, her eyes shining
with admiration. "You always
know the right thing to say.""I do my best to find the ap-
propriate phrase to comfort my
friends in trouble," said the Soul
Mate."Always thinking of others," said
Mrs Sparrow. "Such a noble,
generous nature. Such a compari-
son...""Shush," said the Soul Mate.
"Comparisons are odious. And we
all have our faults. There's so
much bad in the best of us and
so much good in the worst of us
that it behaves any of us to find
fault with the rest of us."Tears poured down Mrs Sparrow's
beak."Oh, I wish he could speak French
and quote poetry like you," she said.
"It sounds ever so beautiful.""Hark," said the Soul Mate, biting
on the last crisp earwig. "I think
I hear him quoting something."Out in the night, the Sparrow,
flying unsteadily home, was singing
"Bless 'em all, bless 'em all, the long
and the short and the tall...""I think I'd better go now," said
the Soul Mate, hopping out of the
nest a moment before the Sparrow
crashed in.

World strategists

"ALL right, old man. You say
sea power doesn't count any
more?""I didn't say it didn't count any
more, old man. What I said was
that it had been superseded by air
power.""Granted, old man, but that
doesn't mean that we have no
further use for a navy.""It never said it did, old man,
but you must admit that we have
no further use for the battleship.""Without full knowledge of the
facts, I'm afraid I wouldn't know,
old man.""Well, you must know that air-
craft can sink battleships, old man.
I know that they could, old man.
But I don't happen to know any-
thing about the design of future
battleships, old man.""Nor do I, old man. But if I
were a naval architect I should be
thinking on lines of aircraft carriers,
small craft and underwater craft.""Naturally, old man. But
wouldn't you also be thinking of
underwater battleships?"

"What for, old man?"

"Has it ever occurred to you
that the battleship was originally
designed as a unit of great strength
able to withstand all attacks and
capable of carrying heavy artillery
to any coast in the world?""It has, old man, but as the
rocket is replacing the shell we may
not have to carry heavy artillery
round the world.""If we don't carry heavy artillery
we shall have to carry heavy
rockets, which means big projectors,
and big ships, old man.""Not necessarily, old man. I sup-
pose you know the chief difference
between a shell and a rocket, old
man?""I know there is a difference,
old man.""Well the main difference is that,
whereas a shell is propelled by a
charge exploded in a gun, a rocket
is self-propelled, carrying its own
propellant charge.""What difference does that make,
old man?""All the difference in the world,
old man. One of the reasons why
the battleship is so heavily con-
structed is that it will be able to
stand the shock of the recoil of
15-inch guns."

"Carry on, old man."

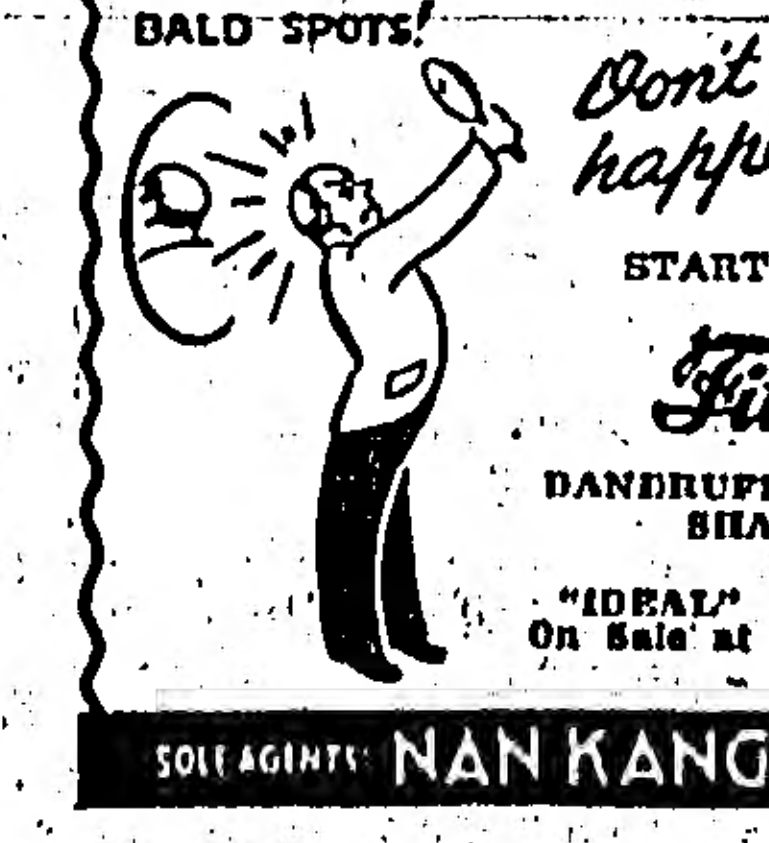
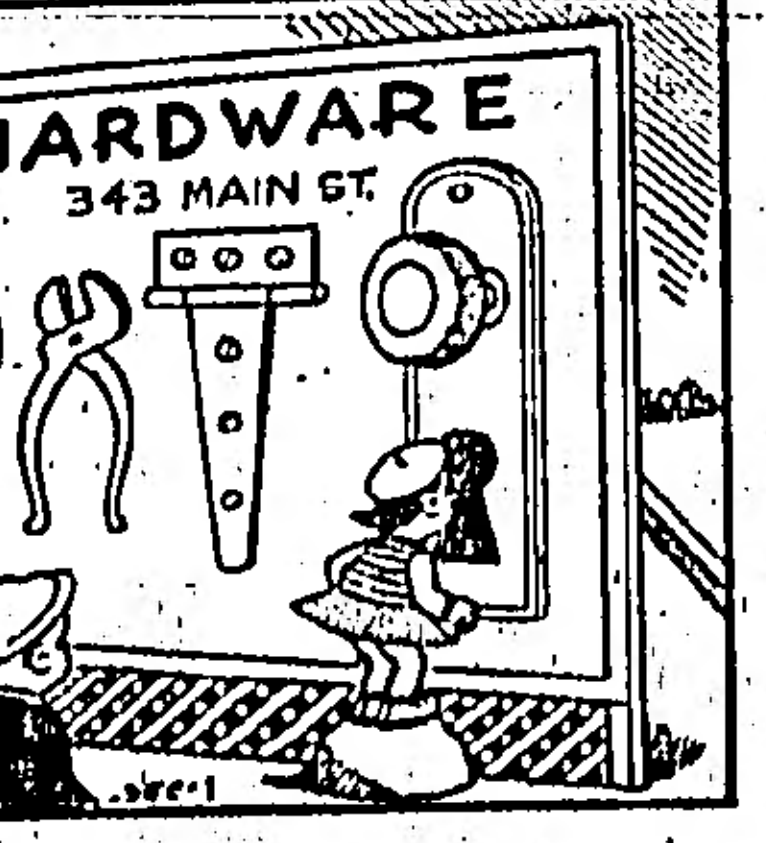
"But with a self-propelled rocket
there is no recoil, no shock to
absorb, and, therefore, big rockets
can be safely projected from little
ships. I should have thought any
fool would have been able to see
that, old man."The
Russian
Windowtaking a look at the Russians from his
Bureau in the Soviet sector of Berlin... con-
ducted

By PETER BURCHETT

If producers succeed in turning out more films
like "It Began in the Blue Express," now
showing in Berlin, and more charmers like Lydia
Dranofskaya, who plays the leading role, they
should find their way on to the world's screens.Sina (Lydia Dranofskaya) is a charming
little blonde, rosy and vivacious, on her way to
Vladivostok on the trans-Siberian express. As
often happens on Russian trains, she is dumped
into a sleeping-car with a good-looking naval
lieutenant.Sina pretends to be married, but just the
same she carries on a most provocative flirtation
with the rather reserved lieutenant. In keep-
ing with the new strict Soviet morals, the
lieutenant, believing Sina to
be married, does not want to
flirt, and speaks soberly of love
and marriage. On one passion-
ate occasion he enrages her by
saying that if he did make love
it would be for keeps, and not
for a travelling adventure, and
not behind her husband's back.COLD WAR to the Russians
suggests contacts in the snow...A GREAT programme of winter
sports has been organised,
reaching its climax with the
Spartakiada Festival in Moscow at
the end of February. The 750
best skiers out of 6,000,000 com-
petitors throughout the Soviet
Union will compete in the All-
Union Championships.Five hundred crack speed skaters
will compete over distances from
500 to 10,000 metres.THIRTY-SIX MILLION go to
school.ACCORDING to Pravda, a census
of Soviet schools has just been
completed. From a total population
of 100 million there are 36 million
pupils attending 100,000 schools, and
taught by 1,250,000 teachers. They
average 161 pupils to a school, with
one teacher for every 25 pupils.NEW YEAR resolutions are the
current preoccupation...THE Union of Soviet Composers,
a sitting solemnly in conference
in Moscow since December 21
sampling each other's works, have
been deciding whether they measure
up to the musical line set by the
Communist Party ten months ago.They are hearing more than 100
works from 60 different composers.Sergei Prokofiev, formerly the
darling of the Soviet composers, is
in trouble again over the music he
is writing for "The Story of a Real
Human Being," an opera adaptation
of a book by Boris Polevoy. The
music is described as "lacking in
melody," "depraved," "an
insult to Soviet listeners."The magazine Culture and Life
says that Prokofiev's latest work
"is a warning that we must be firm
in stamping out unrealistic tenden-
cies by some composers who base
their works on the shifting sands
of bourgeois modernism."Prokofiev's ballet "Romeo and
Juliet," at present showing in the
Soviet sector of Berlin, is wildly
applauded by the Soviet community.SOVIET architects say: "Ours is
a nicer house, ours is."ORDERED to "avoid the dismal
rows of houses, all exactly alike,
which Britons and Americans are
prone to construct due to their
ignorance of planned lay-outs,"
Soviet architects have produced a
standard, 3-roomed wooden house.It is made up of 63 pieces which
fit into 10 sections.These 10 sections can be as-
sembled in 27 different designs. The
same sections can be used for larger
homes up to a large hotel-looking
arrangement of 50 2-room flats.The house has three small rooms,
kitchen, entrance hall, lavatory,
glassed-in veranda, and pantry.It is tiny by Western standards,
but luxurious for Soviet villagers.

NANCY

She Couldn't Resist It



By Ernie Bushmiller



WORLD STUNNED BY CARDINAL'S LIFE SENTENCE

New York, Feb. 8.—M. Bela Balassa, the acting Hungarian Consul General in New York, announced tonight that he and his staff of four had resigned in protest against the conviction of Cardinal Mindszenty.

The Consul General's announcement was the highlight of a flood of protests which began pouring into New York from all parts of the United States as soon as the Budapest sentences became known.

Archbishops led a chorus of verbal protests while in New York about 5,000 people were expected to gather at the City Hall to urge the Mayor, Mr. O'Dwyer, to cable the Mayor of Budapest demanding the Cardinal's immediate release.

A call for such a demonstration was issued by the "People's Committee to Free Cardinal Mindszenty," which said it wanted other mayors to send similar cables.

Students of Catholic colleges in New York also announced plans to picket the Communist pickets at the court where 11 American Communists are on trial for alleged conspiracy to advocate the overthrow of the United States Government.

The New York Post said the convictions were "expected to have serious repercussions at Lake Success, where the bars are believed up against the admission of Hungary to the United Nations in the foreseeable future."

The Jewish War Veterans of the United States compared the sentences to the measures taken in Hungary to outlaw Zionism. "Communist denials of basic human rights are retracting the vicious design that moved Nazism to oppress and murder all those who dare to harbor views other than those prescribed for them by their political captors," the National Commander of the Veterans, Myer Dorfman, declared.

The American-Jewish Committee and the Jewish Labour Committee declared: "It is difficult not to conclude that the Communist Government (of Hungary) has embarked on a programme of religious persecution which it is seeking to disguise as prosecution on political grounds."—Reuter.

WORLD REACTION

London, Feb. 8.—Pope Pius XII was "deeply grieved" by the life sentence, passed on Josef, Cardinal Mindszenty, Primate of Hungary, it was reported from the Vatican today.

Reuter reported the following reactions from other centres: London: The Foreign Office was urgently considering the verdict, it was reported. Several Members of Parliament are to ask questions in the House of Commons.

Mr. William Gallacher, Communist Member of Parliament, predicted that the Cardinal would be freed shortly. Sir David Maxwell-Fyfe, the British prosecutor at the Nuremberg war crimes trials, said the Budapest trial was "a travesty of the methods of justice."

Mr. William Deakin, Conservative, in to ask the President of the Board of Trade if he will consider breaking off trade pact negotiations with Hungary.

Mr. Harry Pollitt, General Secretary of the Communist Party, commented that the trial "has undoubtedly established for all impartial opinion the accuracy of the charges and the justice of the sentence."

Mr. George Bernard Shaw, the playwright, said: "The question is a very difficult one. If the verdict is to be regarded as purely anticlericalism, it is indefensible. But the notion that priests and scientists should be exempted from the common law is equally indefensible."

The Hague: The Dutch Foreign Minister, Dr. D. U. Stikker, told the Second Chamber that his Government regarded the Mindszenty case with "abhorrence" but could act only in accordance with present-day international custom.

US Minister Denies Implication

Budapest, Feb. 8.—The American Minister in Budapest, Mr. Selden Chapin, this afternoon described the charges made against him during the trial of Cardinal Mindszenty as "unsubstantiated and pure fantasy."

Mr. Chapin told Reuters: "The verdict and proceedings are what could be expected. The implications concerning me in the court's final remarks, as well as the allegations during the proceedings, imply improper conduct on my part."

"The allegations are nonsense and pure fantasy." During the trial the court had held that Mr. Chapin had had illegal dealings with Cardinal Mindszenty; had known of, and engaged in, the Royalist plot of which Cardinal Mindszenty was said to have been the leader; and had been given information of an espionage network by Cardinal Mindszenty.

—Reuter.

'Old Guard' Still Strong In Japan, US Warned

New York, Feb. 8.—A prominent writer about Asia affairs reported today that the "old guard" is almost as strong as ever in Japan and may make trouble when the Allied Occupation ends.

The warning was made by T. A. Blisson in "Prospects for Democracy in Japan," published under the auspices of the Institute of Pacific Affairs.

Blisson traced the American occupation up to, and including the "new trend" outlined in the April, 1948, report by Under-Secretary of Army, William H. Draper and others. The "Draper report" called for an economic pump-priming programme aimed to restore Japanese industry and ease the occupation burden borne by U.S. taxpayers.

Application of the Draper programme, Blisson concluded, appeared destined to strengthen the old business group and restore it to good standing. In view of this group's record in relation to Japan's post-war economy, there was good reason to question whether it would use forthcoming American aid to the best advantage.

Other Far Eastern nations were also concerned and were asking whether the old Japanese leaders could safely be entrusted with the handling of an industry drive designed to restore Japan to the position of the "workshop of the Far East."

DIFFERENT VIEW

"Instead of urging that SCAP cease to rely on the old regime and endeavour to develop a genuinely new and democratically minded leadership in both government and industry, the military-business interests represented by the Draper Mission took a very different view."

"Their proposed solution of the problem was to restore Japan to what was, in essence, her pre-World War II industrial status, with a difference: the Japanese economic life would continue to be ruled by the Zaibatsu—representing the greatest concentration of economic control ever achieved by any group in any country—but henceforth American capital would be a partner of the Zaibatsu in pre-war style international cartels, or would simply take over certain key Japanese industries by means of large direct investments."

Blisson contended that, in the political field the occupation has made considerable, but not enough, progress toward uprooting the feudal system that led to Japanese aggression.

The closer down to the grass roots of Japan one gets, he said, the more absolute become the old guard's control. Under these conditions, even the present degree of liberal influence which exists in the Diet and the Cabinet may prove unable to maintain itself against the intensified pressure it will face when the occupation leaves Japan.

ILO Chief On Visit To Japan

Tokyo, Feb. 8.—Raghunath Rao, assistant director general of the International Labour Organisation, arrived today for a four-week visit from the Philippines. He is on an extended mission in the Far East, and has already visited India and China.

Officials in Gen MacArthur's labour division said Mr Rao would talk with them and the Japanese authorities on the possibility of re-establishing and developing relations between Japan and the ILO.

Mr Rao will make a brief survey of Japan's social and economic reconstruction and gather information on questions to be placed on the agenda of the regional Asian ILO conference to be held in the first quarter of 1950.—United Press.

Relay Of Governor's Speech Tonight

At 9.15 tonight, Radio Hongkong will relay from the China Fleet Club the speech of His Excellency, the Governor, Sir Alexander Grantham, on the occasion of the last dinner of the Hongkong Volunteer Defence Corps.

DEFENCE IN PWD CASE OPENS ADDRESS TO JURY

(Continued from Page 1)

There was a period during the Japanese occupation when the Colony knew no law.

The Colony, said Mr Chen, was blessed with three things: independent judges, jurors who were judges of fact, and the important right of cross-examination, and his friend and himself were confident that the jury would give the correct verdict.

VISCOUNT SIMON QUOTED
Continuing, Mr Chen said that in Hongkong many people might have forgotten what were their sacred rights and duties, hard-fought for rights of counsel at the British Bar. Counsel then read an extract of a statement made by Viscount (then Sir John) Simon, in an address delivered before the Canadian Bar Association at Ottawa in September 1931 entitled "The Vocation of an Advocate."

Sir John asked himself what was the real duty of an honourable man who had put upon him the heavy burden of defending a person accused of a serious crime, and he answered it in this way: First to devote the whole power of his mind and all the resources of his experience to the task. There is an honourable tradition at any rate at the English Bar, that even a man who may be busy with different cases, if he undertakes and is called upon to defend the innocent, is bound to give his own personal attention to that work, odious and unremunerative as it may be, to the exclusion of all other business coming his way. And in what spirit should it be discharged?

It is, I venture to say, essential to the cause of justice in dealing with the service of a main professionally trained should be available to defend those who are accused; such a helper is needed to make sure that the most is made of every law and of every rap in the net which seems to be closing round the unhappy man; and that you may secure that all shall be said on the accused's behalf which the accused could properly say if he were not embarrassed in his situation and thereby prevented from speaking. I am afraid there are occasions when the full measure of this duty is not observed; it cannot be too strongly emphasised that in such cases it is the defence in a criminal case—that ought not to be left.

JURY'S INFERENCE

"That sums up my duty," Mr Chen declared. "I have been accused of being lacking in courage, but with the tradition of the English Bar, the great traditions, hundreds of years old, I am not afraid of years. Regarding my learned friend, I won't say he lacked courage; he had great success in bringing a case of this kind to this Court, keeping us here for five weeks listening to his indictment of larceny by public servants—the alleged stealing of 600 yards of wire by public servant, of two lamp shades, another few hundred yards of wire, 10 fluorescent lamps and a face-bowl. He is not lacking in something else."

Referring to Crown Counsel's comment that the evidence of the case must be taken as a whole, Mr Chen said that it must not be taken as a whole, that the jury must examine it count by count and return a verdict on each count. He said that Mr Hooton stated that there was overwhelming evidence for this and overwhelming evidence for that, and the jury must draw the inference on this and inference on that, but Mr Chen contended Crown Counsel must prove his case beyond all reasonable doubt.

Mr Chen said that he had tried to ascertain from Crown Counsel where the materials came from and what kind of materials, and he had replied—some of this and some of that. It was also said that 600 yards of white wire came from Wanchai. Which stores, counsel queried? There were three ordinary junk stores, Ho Ting's private store and there was a place where they kept things which had been issued Wanchai. And transient stores at a place under the control of a man named Chan Lung-ching where "you cannot get one thing out unless you have a store order note and when goods are taken out they are written in an index record, and all such goods are accounted for."

WORKMEN WITNESSES

Mr Chen said that yesterday he planned Crown Counsel down to the fact that Ho Sung was supposed to have taken 600 yards of white or some kind of wire out of that store and was supposed to have given it to Ho Ting. And a few moments ago he had said to him, where did all these articles come from, and the most they had got now was they were from Hungnam.

With regard to Chinese workmen who gave evidence, Mr Chen said that Crown Counsel contended that they told honest stories. Mr Hooton went on to say there was no motive for the men to say what they said in the witness box.

Mr Chen said that the witnesses who came into the box to give evidence against Kwok were all the Crown witnesses—true. They were the men who went and agreed to do the work, they were the men who did not say to Kwok, "What you are telling me to do is a wrong thing. I am not going to work in Government time."

Why did not Ho Ting say to Sparrow, "I am not going to do that work." All he said was, "I had to obey." If their story was true, were they accomplices? Yes, they were, Mr Chen submitted. What was the motive for saying what they said in the witness box? What was their motive for not telling the truth? To get off, not to be arrested, and if arrested not to be charged, and Mr Chen declared. They had every motive for accusing or trying to put the blame on Kwok, Counsel added.

QUESTION OF KEYS
"I go further to say that it has been examined into them, that they had to say so and so in order to incriminate Kwok; otherwise why did they come on after another in a steady flow to say the same thing?" Mr Chen said that the question of the keys became a joke. "Oh, Kwok had the keys." Every one had said so.

There was every right to treat these witnesses as witnesses who were here not to tell the truth, Mr Chen declared, "but who were here for a special purpose, and that was specially to incriminate Kwok." As to why they did it, whether they did work during Government time or not, he did not know, but the witnesses were brought to the Court to incriminate Kwok Kwong and they took every opportunity to do so.

It had been suggested that witnesses had been taught lessons as to what they would say in the witness box, Counsel continued. They were asked how many times did they go to the police station. Some said 10 times, others eight times; and what the Police said was there were large numbers of witnesses and they had to wait. Mr Chen said that there were not only two policemen who were taking statements. There was a large staff of Chinese detectives led by Lu Mui, chief Chinese detective, who could take statements.

WITNESSES' EVIDENCE

These men, when they went to the Police Station on numerous occasions, all were paid with Government money and in Government time. They went there knowing that they would give evidence against Kwok. What would have happened to them if they refused? Mr Chen said he did not know, but they came to the Court knowing that they had to give evidence against Kwok Kwong, and "that is something which you, ladies and gentlemen of the jury, must consider—as to whether their evidence is unimpaired, spontaneous, clean, good evidence."

Mr Chen said that there were no different defences as alleged by Crown Counsel. "We didn't know what his case was until a few minutes ago," Counsel said. Where did all the materials come from? Were these men being charged rightly with larceny, or charged with offences of fraudulent conversation depending upon possession? "My learned friend said that when the defences failed, the buck was passed to Ho Sung from the start," Mr Chen said. "The defence says that it may have been possible. He says that it is Ho Sung, who managed this business. I challenged my learned friend to say that Ho Sung was not connected with private work. I challenged him."

Mr Chen then referred to Crown Counsel's comment on the system of PWD. Mr Hooton had said: "You have heard considerable evidence on the system in the electrical department at the PWD. You will doubtless form your own views as to whether that was an efficient system or inefficient system. That is not the issue before the Court and we are not trying that matter."

That was where this case should have taken place, it was said. There should have been an inquiry in the PWD; so that the system there should be thrashed out, and any inefficiency in that system could be remedied. What Crown Counsel was doing, Mr Chen said, was to come to the Court and say the system was no good, that stores were given out to people who took them and no questions were asked. And then they would be charged. There was no system in the PWD, and when those stores left a certain place, they left His Majesty's possession. That was why it was for sale. That Crown Counsel to say—and he did not want to say—whether they were Japanese goods, or new goods out of North Point or Wanchai, whether they were materials in Hongkong, or materials handed back and from whose hands they came from. And only a few minutes ago, Crown Counsel was planning down to say that this was the case. He said that Mr Chen is continuing his address to the jury.

ARMY RELEASES FOR STUDENTS

London Feb. 8.—The Minister of Labour, Mr. George Isaacs, told the House of Commons today that men called up for service in or before August 1947, would be released in time to commence their studies in the beginning of October, 1949.

He was answering a question by Dr Fleming, Conservative, and said that men called up before August 1947, would be ordinarily released before the end of September 1949; men called up in August 1947 will be ordinarily released not later than the end of October 1949, but the actual dates of release will in many cases be earlier.

Any intending students called up in August 1947, who find that they are not due for normal release in time to start their studies next autumn, will be allowed early release if applied for by their university authorities.—Reuter.

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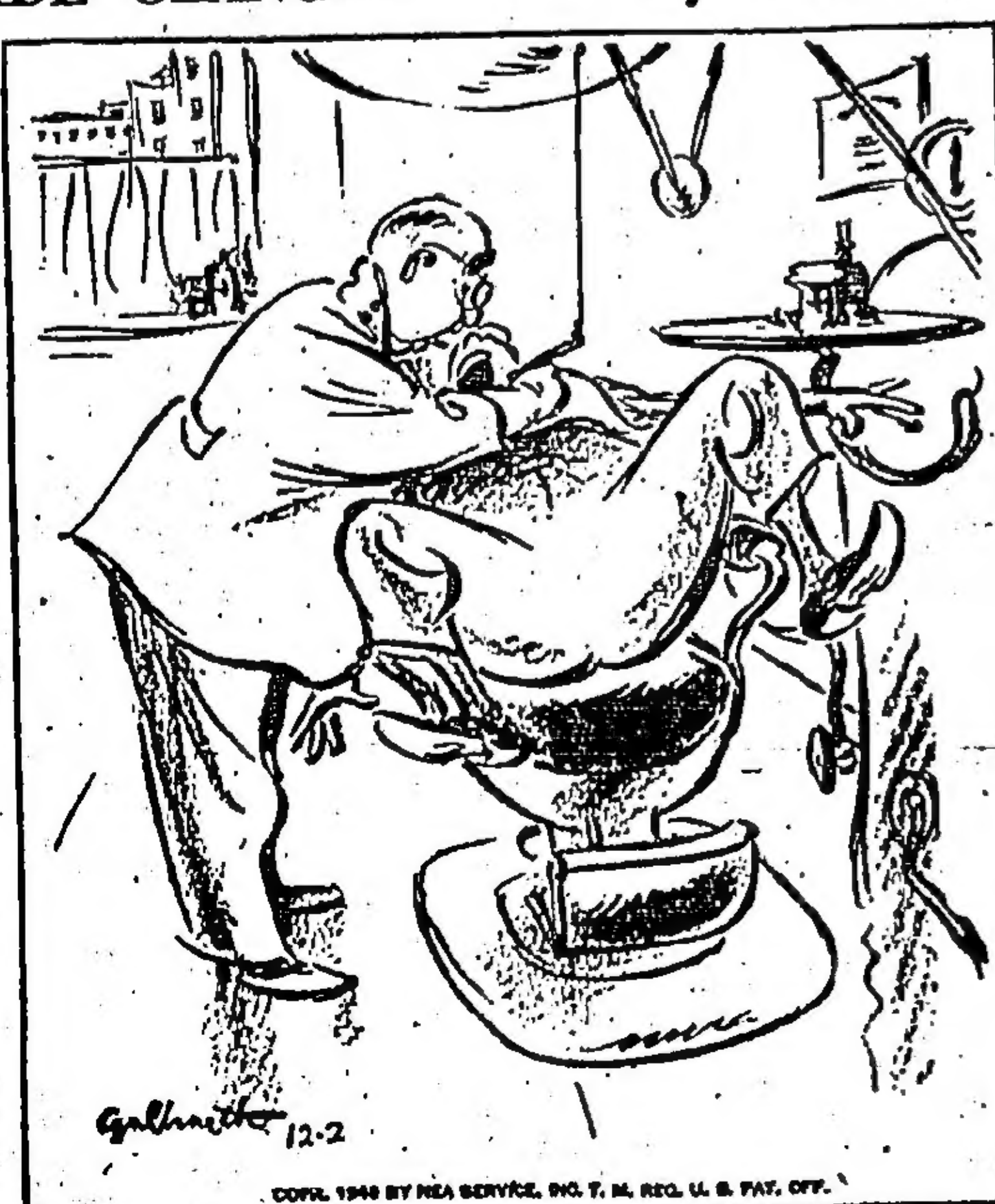
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SIDE GLANCES

By Galbraith



"Don't try to answer now, but didn't Feller disappoint you in the world series?"

CHANGE IN THE OFFSIDE LAW SUGGESTED BY SCOTTISH FA

London, Feb. 8.—A Scottish Football Association suggestion that the time has come when a change in the offside law would be welcomed may develop into one of the biggest controversies in the history of Association football.

The present offside law, with its "stopper" centre-half, is considered by many to be responsible for the sub-standard football being played today. The Scottish body hopes that an alteration in the rule would enable the centre-half to return to his normal attacking role, a move which, no doubt, would suit the majority of today's centre-forwards.

The suggestion is that the field of play be divided into three equal parts so that the offside area is cut from a half to a third. In the remaining third of the field the offside rule, which is governed by three players instead of the present two, would apply.

HKFA Council Meeting

Eric Keen Resigns

An application by Mr Eric Keen, the HKFA coach, that he be released from his contract with the HKFA was read by the Council at its meeting last night.

The letter stated that though his services had been available at all times they had not been made the best use of by players and there had been poor turn-outs on coaching days.

As he thought he could not do much to aid the youngsters who did not seem too interested, he felt it was best to resign.

Mr Keen's resignation was accepted, effective from March 1. A written proposal addressed by Mr L. G. Young to the HKFA that he cease to act as a soccer referee in Hong Kong until the present state of affairs on the field be remedied was also considered and accepted by the HKFA Council.

Mr Young's proposal was embodied in a letter complaining about the attitude which the HKFA had adopted in regard to certain players about whom he had sent in a complaint.

The Council also considered a letter by Mr J. Ward, regarding the conduct of certain players during the match with Combined Chinese and decided to write to the Saigon football authorities and to the Consul for France.

Mr Ward, who alleged that a Saigon player had insulted him by saying "English dog—accepting money from the Chinese"—paid tribute to Chiang Kai-shek for his tact in throwing away the chance of scoring when his side was awarded a penalty. Mr Ward said that by his act, Chiang did more than a referee could possibly have done.

A letter from Soong Ling-sing, whose leg was broken during the Korean series, appealing for financial assistance was brought before the meeting. Following lengthy discussion, it was decided to appoint a Committee to consider the best method of assisting Soong without in any way making him a professional.

MEDICAL BILLS

Letters from certain other Chinese players regarding the paying of medical bills were discussed and it was decided to send these bills to the respective team managers for comment.

During the discussion on injured players, the apparent lack of interest by the HKFA in the serious injury sustained by Rafferty of the Royal Navy while playing in the Scotland versus Portugal match was brought up.

It was pointed out that the least the HKFA could do would be to visit Rafferty, who is still in hospital, and to enquire after his welfare.

A letter from the Burmese Football Association, enquiring if Hong Kong could accommodate them with a series of games, was read to the meeting.

After it had been stressed that the standard of football in Burma was quite high, it was decided to refer the matter to the Interport Subcommittee.

The application by South China Athletic Association relative to a Vice-President's Cup Competition was, after discussion, provisionally sanctioned.

The meeting decided that the third match of the Governor's Cup Competition be played on the Club Ground, Happy Valley, on March 20, at 4 p.m.

CHALLENGE SHIELD

The draw for the Challenge Shield Competition Semi-final resulted as follows:—

SENIOR

S. China "A" or S. China "B" v St Joseph's at Sookpoo on Saturday, February 20, at 2 p.m.

Kit Chee v Police on the Club Ground on Sunday, February 20, at 4 p.m.

JUNIOR

Kowloon Motor Bus v Tramways at Sookpoo on Saturday, February 20, at 2 p.m.

Dockyard v South China on Club Ground on Sunday, February 21, at 2 p.m.

Mr L. F. de Souza, Hon Secretary of the HKFA, announced to the meeting that he had received a letter from the Korean authorities thanking the HKFA for its hospitality to the Korean players during their visit.

Mr Souza said that this was the first time that a letter of this nature had been received from a visiting team for a very long time.

A committee of three, Mr H. K. Lee, Mr Barrett and Mr MacAlpine, was elected to discuss and decide on ways to render help to players injured whilst playing for the Association.

TRICKY SHOT



Yale's Ted Anderson (3) tries a difficult fifteen foot shot for the basket during the first half of the game with Stanford's eagles held in San Francisco. Stanford won 78 to 62.—AP Wire-photo.

DAVIS CUP DRAW

BRITAIN PLAYS PORTUGAL IN FIRST ROUND

New York, Feb. 8.—Britain meets Portugal and Australia is pitted against Canada in the first round of the Davis Cup competition.

The draw was made by Mr Trygve Lie, Secretary General of the United Nations, for the 1949 matches.

EUROPEAN ZONE

In the European Zone, the first round of the draw was:—
Britain v Portugal
France v Luxembourg
Israel v Denmark
Egypt v Argentina
Czechoslovakia v Monaco
Ireland v Chile
Italy v Turkey
Netherlands v South Africa
Second round ties for nations drawing byes in the first round are:
Hungary v Belgium
Greece v Switzerland
Austria v Yugoslavia
Sweden v Norway
—Associated Press.

AMERICAN ZONE

The draw for the first round in the American zone was:
Australia v Canada
Cuba v Mexico

EXCITEMENT

There was a last-minute excitement as Mr Trygve Lie was about to shake the draw from, as in previous years, the trophy itself, a cable arrived from the British Lawn Tennis Association explaining that Egypt had entered by sending an air letter to the British authorities on January 6, well before the deadline of January 31, but it was not received in London.

The British authorities formally requested that Egypt, nevertheless,

be entered in the European Zone, "if it is not too late."

Egypt will be at home to Argentina in the first round.

The draw was made in a building on the site of what will be the new United Nations skyscraper headquarters, and representatives of the United States, holders, and other competing nations were present.

Mr Lie said: "International sport is a thing which is in the spirit of the Charter of the United Nations. It brings us together nations, between individuals, and it brings us understanding between nations."

The inter-zone final between the European and American winners will, if the competing nations so desire, take place on August 12, 13 and 14 in the United States.

The challenge round between the inter-zone winners and the United States, for the Cup, will take place at Forest Hills, New York, on August 20, 27 and 28.—Reuter.

Bromwich Raises Aussie Hopes

Melbourne, Feb. 8.—John Bromwich, the Australian lawn tennis star, has advised the

Australian Lawn Tennis Association that he will be available for the Davis Cup team and the Wimbledon championships. He will captain the Davis Cup squad, which includes also Frank Sedgman and O. W. (Bill) Sidwell. The three players leave for London by sea on May 2.

Sir Norman Brookes, President of the ALTA, said: "Australia will

INVITED



CHAN CHUN-NAM TO SWIM IN MANILA

Chan Chun-nam, the Lai Tsun Swimming Association's star distance swimmer, is to compete in the Philippines Swimming Association Championships on March 5 and 6 at Manila.

Expenses for his trip south are being paid by the Philippines Swimming Association. Chan is the only one of four Hongkong swimmers invited who is able to make the trip.

Mrs Lykke Rose, Shauna Anderson and Manio Leung are unable to accept the invitation for various reasons.

have every chance of winning this year's Davis Cup. We can chalk up the doubles, at least, and there's no telling what Sedgman can do in the singles. Bromwich is far from being a spent force either.

"I wouldn't be surprised if the Australians made a clean sweep of Wimbledon," Sir Norman added.—Reuter.

THE GLAMOUR OF THE CUP

By PETER DITTON

On April 30 this year, twenty-two men will walk in double file from their dressing rooms at Wembley Stadium, London, on to one of the finest playing pitches in Europe, prepared to do battle for the greatest prize professional football has to offer, the Football Association Cup.

The two successful teams will be the sole survivors of hundreds who entered the greatest money spinning competition in sport. Six preliminary rounds, in which no Football League clubs need appear, and seven proper rounds will have been played by the time Wembley has been reached.

And well over 2,500,000 people paying on the average, over five shillings a head, will have watched FA Cup games in various parts of England, from Penzance to Berwick-on-Tweed.

At Wembley Stadium alone, on Cup Final Day, 100,000 people will be present and the number who will line up to the match on the radio will be nearer 10,000,000.

As the day of the match draws nearer, excitement can be expected to grow until, in the last week, the news that one of the players expected

SIX SPECIAL TRAINS FOR YEOVIL TOWN

London, Feb. 8.—Six special trains, dozens of coaches and hundreds of private cars will convey Yeovil supporters to Manchester on Saturday for the club's match against Manchester United in the fifth round for the Cup.

Yeovil has been allocated 1,000 stand tickets but the majority of the club's supporters will watch the game from terraces.

Bob Keston, the club's wing half, who displaced a cartilage in his knee against Hereford on Saturday, is expected to be fit to play. He has been in training with the rest of the team and has made good progress.

The Yeovil party will leave for Manchester on Thursday.—Reuter.

to play in the Final has a cold or a slight injury, will assume national importance.

HUMBLE BEGINNING

But the FA Cup had a very humble beginning. On October 16, 1871, the Football Association held a meeting at which it was agreed to purchase for the colossal sum of £25, a Cup to be competed for by clubs belonging to the Association.

The competition attracted the staggering number of 15 entries, and the Cup finally went to the amateur team, The Wanderers. The match, incidentally, was played on the now famous cricket ground, the Oval, before a crowd of 2,000.

In those early days a cup-tie was considered so unimportant that in the 1873-74 season, the captains of the old Sheffield Club and Shropshire Wanderers tossed for the right to take part in the second round. History records that Shropshire won.

In 1884, when Queen's Park, the famous Scottish Club, made the journey south to play Blackburn Rovers in the Cup Final, 12,000 people saw the game—the first instance on record of a five-figure attendance. But in 1893, when professionalism became legal, the Cup took on a new lease of life, and attendance figures and gate receipts mounted steadily towards the present day totals.

The original cup was stolen from a Jeweller's shop window in Birmingham

a centre-forward, but to find a man whose job would be to instigate moves, make openings, "double" practically every other position on the field, and generally act as a pivot for the rest of the team, is not so simple.

Then again the brunt of an attack would fall on two men instead of three. One of those men must be capable to a certain extent of holding both the winger and the centre-forward.

The reason why the Football Association may not fall into line so easily is because for some time past they have been making efforts to bring about a uniform interpretation of the rules of soccer all over the world.

It is felt in some quarters that any major change now would create chaos abroad and undo the work already achieved by the Football Association. One theory put forward on the present standard of football does not hold the offside rule responsible but the lack of brains in soccer today.

Intelligent forward play can always beat the third back defence and that is what is needed—more brains forwards and not rule changes, it is advocated.—Reuter.

TEST MATCH

India Fails By Six Runs To Tie Test Series

Bombay, Feb. 8.—India failed by six runs to force a victory in the fifth and final Test against the West Indies here today, and the match ended in a draw. The West Indies, winners of the only Test which ended in a definite result, take the series.

India, 90 for 3 overnight in their second innings, were set to get 271 today for victory, but the close of play came with the score 355 for eight—six runs short of their target.

In their first innings they had made 193 in reply to the West Indies 286, to which the tourists added a second innings total of 207.

R. S. Modi and V. Hazare, the overnight batsmen, gave India a good start today by adding 137 for the fourth wicket, put on in two and a half hours. The first of the pair to go was Modi, who made 66 in four hours and hit four fours.

In a tense atmosphere with the West Indies bowling and fielding giving nothing away India's score approached the total required for victory.

Hazare reached his century and brought his score to 122 before he was bowled by Prior Jones.

India needed 72 in 60 minutes to win when they resumed after tea. The batsmen hit hard in an effort to increase the pace, but a widespread field reduced many likely boundaries to singles.

At the start of the last over of the day, India needed 11 runs to win. A four and a single were gained, but there was no further score, and India had lost her chance of squaring the Test series.

Jones was the West Indies' outstanding bowler, taking five wickets for 85 runs in 41 overs.—Reuter.

Sheffield Shield

Melbourne, Feb. 8.—Victoria beat Western Australia by 135 runs in their Sheffield Shield match today.

Victoria, resuming their second innings at 204 for eight, were all out for 227 and then dismissed Western Australia in their second innings for 179.

First innings scores were:—Victoria 304, Western Australia 277.—Reuter.

Against Hockey In Purdah

Kuala Lumpur, Feb. 8.—The Prime Minister of Johore has come to the support of Muslim girls who want to come out of seclusion and play a part in the sports life of Malaya.

Dato Ona Bin Jaafar, a Muslim, who is also president of the United Malay National Organisation (leading Malay political party in the Federation) urged Malay women to prepare for the time when they will play an equally important part with men in moulding the future of this country.

His action came in the midst of a dispute in Muslim circles after the Malay girls formed the Kuala Lumpur Malay Women's Hockey Association and soon became the object of criticism by certain members of the U.M.N.O.

The Prime Minister said the emergence of Malay women from their seclusion was an inevitable social development. It is a sign of the times, he commented, and unfavourable criticism was only a "storm in a teacup." He donated \$50 to the team.—Associated Press.

SHUTTLECOCKS BRING

A Question In The House

London, Feb. 8.—Malaya's badminton team for the George Thomas Cup tournament paid £56 customs duty on its shuttlecocks when it arrived on December 27.

Conservative Member of Parliament Mr L. D. Gamman is to ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer why the visiting badminton players were not given the same consideration as athletes who came here for the Summer Olympic Games.

They were allowed to bring in equipment free of duty.—Associated Press.

Al Hutt Lasts 36 Seconds

London, Feb. 8.—Al Hutt, the official flyweight champion of Burma, was sensationally knocked out in the first round of a fight with the Londoner, Les Johnson, tonight at the Kentish Town baths.

Johnson, who recently scored a win over Dickie O'Sullivan, one of England's best flyweights, backed away from Hutt's early assault and then unleashed a terrific right-hander to the jaw.

Hutt continued to attack and Johnson crossed with a right to sent Hutt down for the full count.

The fight was scheduled for eight rounds, but lasted only 40 seconds, including the count.—Reuter.

Teams For The Rugby Finals

The following teams have been selected to represent Scotland against England in the finals of the International Rugby Series at Sookpoo on Saturday at 4.15 p.m.:—

England.—L. (E) Eberle (Coastack); Cpl. Brown (R.A.P.C.), P. Franklin (Club), Henderson (Club), D. Lochlan (Club); H. M. C. Forrester (Club), I. Moffat (Club), L. (E) McClelland (Tamar), L. S. A. Annable (London), Comdr. Dalgligh (Whitcomb), Yeo, Matheson (Tamar), (Club), H. (E) Eberle (Coastack), A. Taylor (Club).

Reserves.—A. B. Moteltrass (Tamar), L. Gray (Buffs), J. Johnston (Club).

Scotland.—F. Crawford (Club) (Cap), J. Robertson (Club), D. H. Henderson (Club), Capt. Milne (R.A.M.C.), S. G. L. Mackenzie (Dampier); J. H. M. C. Forrester (Club), I. Moffat (Club), L. (E) McClelland (Tamar), L. S. A. Annable (London), Comdr. Dalgligh (Whitcomb), Yeo, Matheson (Tamar), (Club), H. (E) Eberle (Coastack), A. Taylor (Club).

Reserves.—J. Cairns (Club), Major Cunningham (Royal Scots), Capt. Fraser-Harris (R.A.).

ON THE RECORD

A Gesture of Friendship

The gesture of the Philippines Swimming Association in inviting four Hongkong swimmers to take part in the Philippines National Championships is one that the local sports world, let alone the local swimming world, will appreciate as an act of friendship and goodwill.

It helps toward putting Hongkong swimming on the map. The more the pity that only Chan Chun-nam is able to accept the invitation. Notice was short, Mrs Rose is unable to go for personal reasons, and both Manic Leung and Shauna Anderson are caught in term-time in their studies.

Besides being an act of goodwill, it was an act of true sportsmanship, for the invited four proved themselves in the last Interport between Manila and Hongkong to be quite capable of making off with some Philippines titles.

Chan Chun-nam, on his own, makes an excellent ambassador of Hongkong swimming. He is certain to give his rival, Serafin Villanueva, another close race in the 880 yards. The last time they met at the VRC, he lost by a touch after shattering his own Colony record by a good 11 seconds.

Also to be congratulated are the Victoria Recreation Club, who have taken upon themselves in the past all the organisation of Hongkong swimming and have done as good a job by it as can be expected of anyone. Manila has recognised the good work.

Caught up with a bare few days after he had told the gathering at the Dinner to Saigon's Interport Football team that friendships made on the field of sport often outlast all other friendships is the Hon. Arthur Morse, who happens to be the Victoria Recreation Club's Chairman. Up from the South comes tribute to words truly spoken.

Meanwhile, the most surprised of all people about a Reuter message from Manila to the effect that Vicki Draves, the Olympic Diving Champion, has received the VRC invitation to give an exhibition here was the VRC's Hon. Secretary, Mr A. de O. Sales.

He was even confronted yesterday with a telephone call from a Manila newspaper requesting further information. The fact is that Mr Sales was not so surprised at Vicki Draves' receiving the invitation as the wires humming with it while the VRC remained in the dark as to whether the invitation had not been lost somewhere.

The VRC had sent Mrs Draves the invitation in the hope that should she be passing through Hongkong, an exhibition could be arranged. Nothing has been heard, yet from Mrs Draves.

A question that immediately arises is that of the temperature of the water here in what is, at the moment, practically our coldest season of the year.

Should Mrs Draves honour us with an appearance, the exhibition will take place in the afternoon and only if weather conditions are favourable.

Though there are not too many people who will brave a cold brine bath here today, some VRC swimmers, bent on building up en-

duration, are still taking the water regularly. Who said that our sportsmen don't take their training seriously?

Hongkong cricket is about to lose one of its most promising batsmen and University its main run-getter. J. M. Gosano, known to cricketers who have stopped counting the six cricketers Gosano by referring to them more familiarly as Doctor, Luigi, Bertie, etc., as Zino, is leaving the Colony, everything being favourable, on Saturday.

He is travelling a very long journey by air and his destination is the School of Dentistry at Christchurch University, New Zealand. We may well wish him another 122 not out there.

Meanwhile, the University are short of a wicket-keeper with Zino's departure. One of their regular wicket-keepers is Miss Valerie Beecching and the chances are that they might have to call her up yet for a League match.

The presence of femininity on the field, especially behind the batsman, might prove destructive enough to run through a side for as feminine not higher than Army's at Sookpoo last Saturday.

The presence of femininity at any position other than behind the batsman may have opposite results. This was quite conclusively proved at Pokfulam on Sunday when one of the season's most unsuccessful batsmen notched up his highest score of the season.

The only good stroke in his repertoire, he told me, would send the ball travelling toward Miss Beecching close up at mid-on. Having seen her smartly stopping them before he came in well down the batting list, he concentrated on everything else but shaky forward-driving.

In process of this, he discovered he had a wicket-keeper of such ing strokes that he had ever thought he had. His chance to prove this to himself for certain comes against IRC next Saturday.

I understand that he is quite likely to be moved up from No. 10 to opening bat. His club has a crying need for one.

"Having a girl on the field quite definitely brightened up my cricket," he told me.

Seldom have I seen eleven happier looking types than the Royal Navy's cricketers out after they had taken another four points, second victory in two weeks, from Craigengower last Saturday. Even the scores, jovially side-stepping remarks about the prowess of Craigengower's tall in those last tense few minutes, at that triumphant hour looked an ideal moment for a recruiting poster.

The week before the Navy, fielding a stronger team, had beaten IRC. So now we have: Navy beat IRC, IRC beat Army, Army beat Recrolo. If we look at it that way, Navy stands top of the League.

They did actually in 1928-29. Does anyone remember that team?—Lt Cdr Hussey Col Cantill (who had played against the Army at Lords), Mid. Stephenson (a Cambridge Blue), Lt Beatty, Lt Hayter and Lt Halsey among them.

—"RECORDER"

FOR YOUR SPARE MOMENTS

McKENNEY ON BRIDGE

Must Count Hand To Find Vital Card

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♣ Pass 3 Pass

Opening—♠ 10 20

BY WILLIAM E. McKENNEY

SEEING all the hands, it looks like declarer would have no trouble in making his contract of six hearts on today's hand. But as he can see only two hands, he must try to count the hand out in order to locate the queen of diamonds.

The opening lead of the ten of spades is won by declarer with the ace. Three rounds of trumps are taken, which pick up the outstanding trumps. Now the ace, king and queen of clubs are cashed, and then declarer leads the jack of spades. West plays the nine-spot and East wins the trick with the queen of spades.

East returns a spade which declarer ruffs. When West shows out, declarer knows that East originally held six spades, three hearts and at least three clubs. Therefore, he must find out whether East holds a singleton diamond or the thirteen club. He leads the king of diamonds—and when East plays the seven, declarer has located the queen in the West hand.

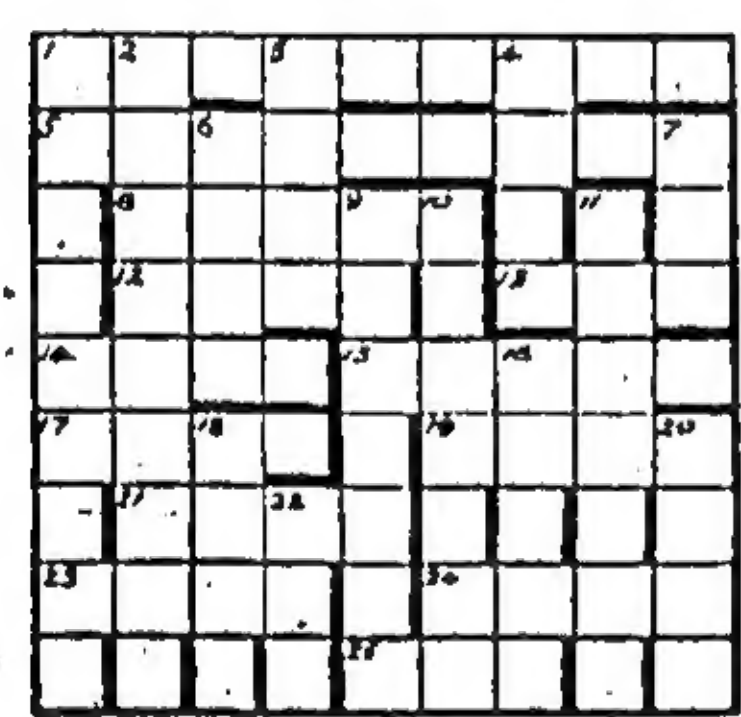
He now leads the jack of diamonds, and when West refuses to cover, declarer lets it ride. The ten of diamonds is won in dummy with the ace, and the contract is made.

Check Your Knowledge

- Where did the art of making brocade originate?
- For whom is the month of August named?
- What is guava.
- Prior to its damage by the Germans in World War I, what cathedral was considered the finest example of Gothic architecture?
- What is the area of the earth's surface.
- What is a cat's cradle?

(Answers at foot of Column.)

CROSSWORD



- Across
- The store which this way. (5)
 - By no means pleasantly. (9)
 - And 10. When the pretty maid was asked where she was going. (7, 4)
 - It's no secret if it is. (4)
 - See 4 Down.
 - sun alteration. (4)
 - Looks in a horrible manner. (6)
 - Colloquially a certainty. (4)
 - It's large for a tooth. (4)
 - Travel. (4)
 - Paid for a change. (4)
 - It's muddy. (4)
 - This and makes a vain display of learning. (3)
- Down
- Pure seeds (anagram). (8)
 - On Banks' pony. (9)
 - Abduction perhaps. (4)
 - And 10. What may make things work more easily? (3, 3)
 - Trails of the wild briar. (4)
 - At a distance within view. (3)
 - House. (6, 2)
 - See 8 Across.
 - Mates of one who commands. (7)
 - It's quite clear. (6)
 - Anticlimax. (4)
 - Eager. (4)
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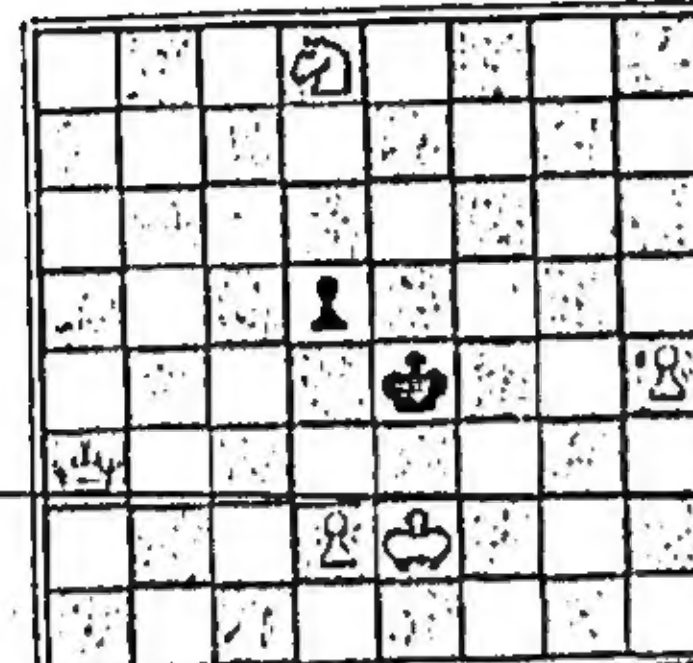
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- Answers
- In China, where brocades were made as early as A.D. 238. 2. The Roman emperor Augustus. 3. Guava is a fruit from a tropical tree. 4. The Cathedral at Rheims. 5. It is placed at about 107,000,000 square miles. 6. A game played with a string wound round the fingers of both hands in the form of a cradle with various changes of pattern.



CHESS PROBLEM

By E. ORSINI
Black, 2 pieces



White to play and mate in three.

Solution to yesterday's problem:

1. B-Kt6, any, 2. Kt (ch) dis ch, or dlt ch mates.

BOYS' AND GIRLS' MAGAZINE

The Rain Has Magical Powers

—It Falls Down; Then Falls Up Again—

By MAX TRELL

"NOW in this Magic Book of mine," Mr. Punch was saying to Knarf and Hanid, the shadow-children with the turned-about names, "it says that the most magical thing in the world is—"

Mr. Punch paused and smiled.

"What is the most magical thing in the world?" Knarf and Hanid both cried eagerly.

"Guess," said Mr. Punch, smiling again.

Knarf and Hanid tried their best to guess, but they couldn't think of anything that was the most magical thing in the world. Finally Mr. Punch said: "Do you give up?"

The two shadow-children nodded. "All right then," continued Mr. Punch, "I'll tell you. The most magical thing in the world is rain."

Knarf exclaimed in astonishment: "Rain?"

"But rain is the most ordinary thing!" said Hanid. "It comes down lots and lots of days. It's just plain drops of water."

Mr. Punch nodded. "Yes, my dears, it's just plain drops of water. But just let's see what this Magic Book of mine says about rain." He glanced at the page.

"First of all the book says that rain falls down from the sky and

then by some magic falls up again."

"I never saw rain fall up," said Knarf.

"Hardly anyone ever has," replied Mr. Punch. "That's why it's magic. Most magic tricks can't be seen at all. But rain falls down and then it falls up again. And there aren't many things in the world that can do that. Then there's something else about rain that's magical, too."

Knarf and Hanid wanted to know what else there was.

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MIDWINTER BOOK PARADE

STORY OF POLAND IN THE LAST DECADE

STANISLAW Mikolajczyk is not the first to denounce the Russians for ruthlessly imposing Communism on a weaker nation, but he is probably the first statesman to write a frank and detailed account of the "Big Three" negotiations to decide Poland's future in the European set-up.

His book, **THE PATTERN OF SOVIET DOMINATION** (Sampson Low, 15s.), is the story of Poland from 1939 to 1948, during which time Mikolajczyk was Chairman of the Polish Peasant Party and more recently Prime Minister of the Provisional Polish Government in Warsaw. He has witnessed his country ravaged by war's devastation and human suffering. In nine years, he tells us, 30 per cent of the Polish population has been "liquidated," 6,000,000 civilians put to death, and 3,000,000 deported or sent to work in concentration camps. It makes grim and unhappy reading.

After serving as a private in the Polish Army and later, on the collapse of France, in London, Mikolajczyk became Prime Minister on the joint invitation of the British, American and Soviet Governments. But it was a precarious hold he had on his office and, when in October of last year he was sentenced to death by a Russian Military Court, he fled to England.

Perhaps, however, the greatest interest for the English reader will be in his candid account of the several conferences he had with Churchill, Roosevelt, Stalin, Molotov and Truman.

THE PLAGUE AND I

By Betty Macdonald
(Hammond, 10/6)

There are not enough Betty Macdonalds in the world today. This pretty, Auburn-haired housewife of 40, who looks ten years younger,

now lives near the Columbia River in a log house fronted by a beach and salmon-fishing grounds. But this has not always been her life.

At the age of 19, she married an insurance salesman who took her off egg-ranching on a mountain side. For four years she led a primitive life, suffering bats in the house, lice in the chicken coops and drunken Indians for neighbours. This miserable uncomfortable existence produced "The Egg and I"—one of the funniest books for years.

Ten years ago—long after she had learned to hate everything about the chicken except the egg—Betty found that she had 73 and must go into a sanatorium for treatment. Gallantly and with that bubbling sense of humour, "The Plague and I" describes her days in The Pines Sanatorium while doctors, nurses and her own determination to live and laugh again, beat off that disease.

She tells us all about the iron discipline and icy sheets; her odd companions, including a Japanese girl who feared that she would never find a husband, and a cinema usherette with a stock of glamorous perfumes. In short, Betty has one long laugh at the hospital staff, the patients, and not least herself.

AN ENGLISHMAN'S YEAR

By H. J. Massingham
(Collins, 12/6)

It is the good fortune of but the very few—of which H. J. Massingham is one—to spend a whole year away from city and suburb among farmers and country-dwellers in some of the loveliest corners of England and Ireland.

Happily, Mr. Massingham kept a detailed diary of all the countryside activities he witnessed and the people he encountered in his wanderings.

His book, which is beautifully illustrated by 27 photographs, is something more than a countryman's chronicle and a factual record of bird and animal life through the calendar. Within its covers he has found time to write on a variety of subjects, including archaeology, mythology and folklore, but never once does he forget that a large section of his audience must be townspeople who may be comparative strangers to the rural scene he himself knows so well.

Here, indeed, at 12/6, is a book to make an admirable gift and an engaging companion.

(Tomorrow—Record Music)

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LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23)—Friends should bring you pleasure. An attraction to the opposite sex may also start a new romance.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22)—In considering that new job, think it over carefully before signing a contract. Know what you are doing.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 22)—Be tactful with all those of the opposite sex. Be on your guard against misrepresentation, too.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 23-Jan. 20)—If a plan is basically sound, it should work out well for you. There is activity at home.

BY FRED HARMAN

This Is for Keeps

OKAY, RYDER! THE FIRST ROUND TO YOU! YOU DIGNIFIED ME!

BUT YOU'RE WEAK FROM THIRST AND YOU WHEN WE WERE BOTH IN GOOD SHAPE!

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BY THE WAY

by Beachcomber

NOTHING could be more fun for the ordinary man and woman than the row between the Stock Exchange and the Banks over the 25 per cent commission on all kinds of flats.

Both bodies "have the welfare of the public at heart," and nothing contributes more to that welfare than the spectacle of the ruddy-noddies and the bankers striking attitudes of dignified anger.

All this ought to be filmed.

Strabismus on the Amazon (VI)

A VERY long despatch describes an attempt to trap a scarlet-faced guariba. Working on a diagram made by Strabismus, they dug a deep pit, planted a stake in it, and attached a pulley-rope to the bough of a near-by calabash. One end of the rope was twisted back and round a second stake on the near edge of the pit. The other end was noosed and hung over the pit. On the far lip of the pit a concealed tip-up board was placed. When touched this would set the elaborate machinery in motion by bringing down a sawn-through beam-free and so blocking the exit backwards from the pit. The guariba came charging out of the undergrowth and leaped the pit. Strabismus got his leg in the noose of the rope, the beam-tree knocked Howndo into the pit, the free end of the rope tripped Mrs. Rawlins, who cannoned into Blotchaux and landed him on top of Howndo. Taking no notice of any of this, the guariba disappeared in the distance.

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New Dutch Offer To Indonesians

Batavia, Feb. 8.—A tentative Dutch plan to offer the transfer of sovereignty to Indonesia before the middle of the year was communicated verbally to the Republican delegation before it left on Sunday for talks with the detained Republican leaders.

This was disclosed today when the delegation returned from Banka Island with the Federalist group which accompanied it, after conferring with Dr Soekarno, the Republican President, and Dr Mohammed Hatta, his Prime Minister. A statement by the two groups on their trip is expected soon.

Girls Killed In Stampede

Shanghai, Feb. 8.—Two small girls, aged six and eight, were killed yesterday in a stampede in front of the Wiangpoo police station. In the former French Concession, as a result of a riot started by some 3,000 Manchurian refugees who were trying to collect "refugee" funds at the station, according to Chinese reports today.

The refugees comprised disbanded army officers and men. Government employees, teachers and civilians who had travelled to Shanghai following the Communist occupation of Mukden and other cities in Manchuria. The troubles started when some 100 former soldiers, armed with rifles, forced their way into the office of Captain Fung Wen-yao, the officer in charge and smashed furniture. Order was restored after the arrival of garrison troops.—Reuter.

URGES MORE FREEDOM FOR MALAYA

London, Feb. 8.—Consultation between the Secretaries of State for War and the Colonies with a view to granting a higher degree of self-government to Malaya was urged by Mr Frederick Longden, Labour Member of Parliament, in the House of Commons today.

Little progress, he said, was being made by the forces under the War Minister's control in bringing order in Malaya, "because the population is more favourable to the rebels than to the Government."

Mr Michael Stewart, Financial Secretary to the War Office, replied: "I cannot accept the statement that little progress is being made by the security forces in Malaya. They have, in fact, had significant successes."

"British, Gurkha and Malay units operating in most difficult circumstances and living in very trying conditions have in the past six months carried out in the most praiseworthy manner a large number of difficult and arduous operations in aid of the civil power."

"It is not true that the population is more favourable to the bandits than to the Government. Much of the support of the bandits has come by extortion and intimidation."

"On the other hand, support for an orderly life and Government authority increases every day. The Government's policy in Malaya is to obtain by a steady and continuing process an ever-increasing measure of responsibility by the people."—Reuter.

70-Group Air Force For U.S.

Washington, Feb. 8.—The House Armed Services Committee today unanimously approved a bill to authorise a 70-group Air Force.

Both the Army and Air Force would be specifically authorised under the bill to buy and use guided missiles. The bill would not in itself set the air power programme point. Congress still would have to put up the money. "This would be done by separate legislation."—United Press.

THE LOVES OF ANDY HARDY



Hollywood's newest engaged couple is Mickey Rooney, 29, and Martha Vickers, 23, but "we haven't made any definite plans as yet for the wedding." Rooney's divorce from Betty Jane Kane will not become final until May and Miss Vickers' from A. C. Lyles until September. It will be Rooney's third marriage. (AP Photo).

Burmese Troops Take Karen Strongholds

Rangoon, Feb. 8.—Government troops repulsed combined forces of Karens and Communists near Pegu, about 60 miles north of Rangoon on the railway to the north of Mandalay, tonight's Government military communique said. It added that the insurgents sustained heavy casualties.

Dewey Lashes Out At U.S. China Policy

Washington, Feb. 8.—The Governor of New York, Mr Thomas Dewey, today lashed out at the Administration's failure to halt Communism in Asia and called on the Republicans to stop quarrelling over dead issues and unite in a progressive party.

Speaking as titular head of the Republican Party, the New York Governor made his first major speech since President Truman defeated him at the polls last November. He criticised both the "old guard" and "new" extremists within the Party's ranks.

He warned arch-conservatives who wanted to move backwards to leave the Party. He told extremists on the other side, who want to "outromise the Democrats," that they could not win in that way either.

He cited Republican views on foreign affairs which were "out of touch" and said: "We Republicans have insisted on a world wide foreign policy and not only European foreign policy. It is the bitterest irony that it was America's traditional friendship for China and our insistence upon her integrity that brought about the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor, which took us into war. After terrible sacrifices, Allied arms won the greatest military victory in history."

APPALLING SPECTACLE

"And then almost immediately Communist conquest of our traditional friends and allies, the Chinese, threatened with complete Communist conquest. We are witnessing the appalling spectacle of all Asia representing the majority of the people of the world, falling closer into the Communist orbit. The fruits of the most glorious victory for freedom in the history of the world have been turned to bitter ashes by the incompetence of this administration. Similar perils threaten us at home if our social progress is to be left in the hands of this administration."—United Press.

AUSTRALIAN BASE AT MANUS IS.

Canberra, Feb. 8.—The Navy Minister, William J. F. Rorison, said today that Australia is establishing its advance naval base at Manus Island instead of Dreger for strategic reasons. He said that Manus would be a fueling base for Australian and Allied ships and a warning centre for approaching enemy ships or aircraft.—United Press.

The communique confirmed that the Government had recaptured two Karen strongholds at Insein, 11 miles north of Rangoon. It said Karen insurgents trying to break through the Government lines "in this area were 'smashed' by artillery shelling."

Burmese Air Force planes strafed "rebel formations" near Natatun, 120 miles northwest of Rangoon.

The communique added that 100 Communists raided the police station at Malaya, near Mandalay, and seized arms and other equipment.

Several people in Rangoon were reported today to be suffering from smallpox and public officials appealed to the public to be vaccinated.

The public, short of water for the fifth day running, feared the disease might spread.

Civil servants, on strike against wage cuts, today marched through the streets of the capital calling on all the 30,000 strikers to ignore the Government's threat to dismiss them unless they return to work by noon on Thursday.

The Commissioner of Police announced the formation of a special police corps to protect employees willing to work. He said police patrols would ensure public security in the event of intimidation by strikers.—Reuter.

ISRAEL SWEEP BY GALES

Tel-Aviv, Feb. 8.—Winter gales swept across the Holy Land today, damaging homes and uprooting trees in citrus groves.

Jerusalem was plagued by high winds. Roofs were blown off houses in the Holy City and torrential rains struck the coastal areas, causing further delays in loading ships in Tel-Aviv with Israel's fruit exports.

Heavy rains for the past week already had created costly delays in citrus shipments.—United Press.

No Quorum At KMT Meeting

Canton, February 9.—The KMT Central Executive Committee, highest policy-making body—met yesterday but failed to get a quorum. Rumours continue that a KMT plenary session will be held here on March 20 which Chiang Kai-shek will attend, but this cannot be confirmed.

The Legislative Yuan also lacks a quorum, with 200 legislators still at Shanghai.—Associated Press.

NOTICE

HONGKONG KENNEL CLUB
Members are notified that a talk on "Dogs & Dog Shows" will be given by Mr W. S. Hunt at the Roof Garden, Hongkong Hotel at 5.30 p.m. on Thursday, 10th February.

A few copies of the H.K.K.C. Year Book are still available at Kelly & Walsh, Ltd.

Acheson Believes European Situation More Encouraging

Washington, Feb. 8.—The current situation in Europe was "vastly more encouraging than it was two years ago," Mr Dean Acheson, U.S. Secretary of State, declared today.

He claimed that the major cause of this was the European Recovery Programme. "I believe that no one can fail to see the connection between the revival of the national life of a group of countries and the ability to protect the fruits of their labours," he said.

Mr Acheson was testifying in support of a continuation of the European Recovery Programme before a joint session of the Senate and House Foreign Affairs Committees.

He did not mention either the North Atlantic Pact or the proposed United States military aid programme to Europe by name, but said: "It is for this reason and for the furtherance of the security of the United States that we are now considering how best we can assist furthering the sense of security in Europe."

He said: "There has been no advance in totalitarianism on the continent of Europe. The free community of Europe has not only held its own but it has during this period made great strides forward."

"Within the participating countries there has been a rebirth of faith in the vitality of the democratic system and its ability to deal with postwar problems."

Mr Acheson claimed that in every recent important election the people of Europe had "vigorously reaffirmed their adherence to the principles of individual freedom and governments based on constitutional restraints."

Detailing the "definite advances made in Europe in the field of collective security," Mr Acheson described the Brussels Pact as "a striking manifestation of the resolve of the signatory countries to defend their independence and freedom against external aggression."

"This pact was warmly welcomed by this country as an important contribution to recovery and a heartening indication of returning strength and confidence to Western Europe."

"In both these purposes we are deeply interested."

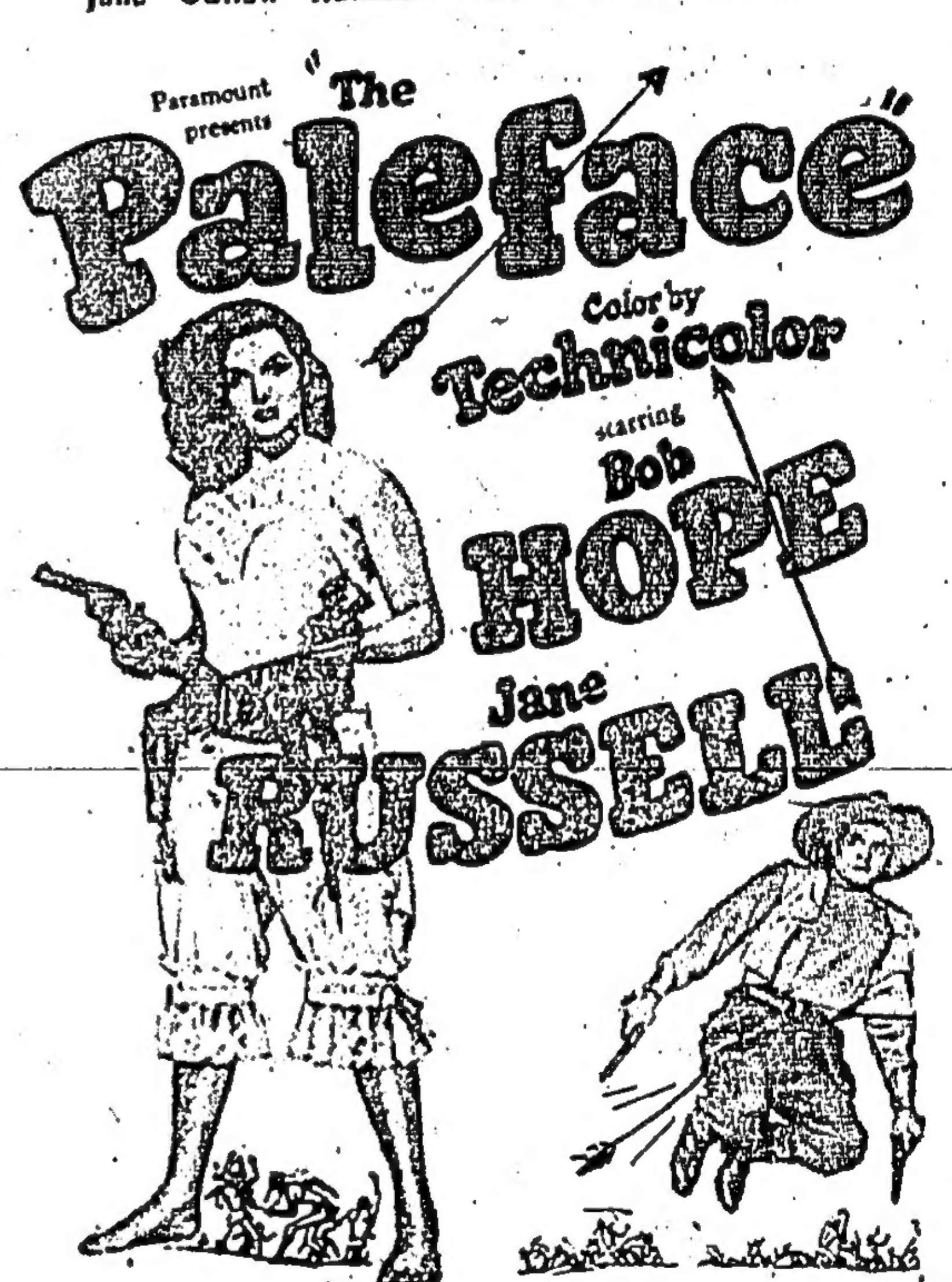
The Secretary of State urged patience on those who wanted rapid unity in Europe. "Progress towards political association will, of necessity, take time," he said.

Mr Acheson claimed that there have, however, been significant steps towards the "eventual development of a closer political union. In this connection, he referred to the work of the Organisation for European Economic Co-operation and the creation of a Council of Europe as well as the Brussels Pact."

"Our role must be to encourage and support these efforts. The worst of all courses would be to relax our efforts and allow the momentum of achievement to diminish."—Reuter.

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